Champion of the individual How Ralph Nader is bringing his crusade to Britain

Way in The woman with designs on steel and plastic

Heseltine's legacy Why the Westland conflict has started a crucial debate

Portfolio

The Times Portfolio Competition prize of £4,000 was won yesterday by Mr D Lagrue of Hythe, Kent. Portfolio list. page 20; how to play, infor-mation service, back page

Dublin ferry firm halts all services

The Irish ferry company B+I suspended all its passenger and freight services from Dublin to Liverpool, Holyhead and Rosstare yesterday and laid off t,900 employees after industrial action by the Seamens' Union of Ireland in protest against 500 proposed redundancies. The state-owned company says the cuts are part of a vital rescue.

Militant links disclosed

Militant Tendency documents that show the extent of its organization and the purpose of the Militant' newspaper are being studied by the Labour Party's inquiry into Militant's activities in Liverpool Page 2

Blandford plea for bail fails

An application for bail by the Marquess of Blandford was rejected at Southwark Crown Court yeaterday pending his appeal tomorrow against a three-month sentence for breaking conditions of that. He was returned to Pendonsille prison.

Slave payment

Flick, the German industrial giant, agreed to pay compensation to survivors and de-pendants of slave labourers it used during the war. Later this month Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, will visit the site of Bergen-Belsen, the Nazi concentration camp Flick payment, page 8

GPs rebuked

Some family doctors send too many patients to hospital, egardless of the economic cost of their decision, the Depart-ment of Health's chief medical officer says in a report Page

Ulster choice

in Northern Ireland caused by the resignation of Unionist MP's from Westminster in that it is not averse to the protest at the Anglo-Irish notion.

Boycott doubt

Thousands of young South African hlacks were in confusion over whether to return to classes or maintain their boycott of schools for a furthe Page 7 three weeks

Protectionist toll Restraints on exports from Japan and the developing world cost British consumers £1 billion a year, according to a Page 17

Geldof attack

Bob Geldof, the Band Aid organizer, said that the Govern-ment made a serious public blunder in not including him in the New Year Honours list
Page 2

BAe boost

British Aerospace has won £100 million of aircraft orders from the United States

Working brief The system under which em ployees work intensively and retire early is playing an increasingly important part in British industry and commerce. Charles Handy, visiting pro-

fessor at the London Business

School, says in an introduction

to today's eight-page General Appointments section Pages 29-36

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Blow for Lawson as base rates climb to 12.5%

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

their base rates by percentage point to 12.5 per cent yesterday, following a clear signal from the Bank of England. The Bank stepped in to push up rates as the City was sensing a repeat of last January's sterling crisis.

The rise in base rates is a condiscrable embarrassment for Mr Nigal Lawson, the Chancellor of Exchequer. It came as he was meeting representatives of the Condederation of British Industry and the Trades Union Congress at the monthly meeting of the National Economic Development Council.

Sir James Cleminson, the CBI president said: "It is a corporate great pity that this action is seen but main to be necessary. It is adding to the uncompetitiveness of British industry." Each percentage point on base rates adds about 1250 million to industry's By yannal horonaine costs. annual borrowing costs.

Mr Roy Hanersley, the deputy leader of the Labour Party and shadow Chancellor, said. "Today's 1 per cent rise in interest rates is the price that we all have to pay for the Government's vacillating in-competence. Rumour and counter rumour about possible tax cuts and confusion over monet-ary policy has driven British intrest rates even higher above those of all our major competi-

mortgage interest rates have been dashed by the rise. But building society chiefs yesterdy said they would not be raising home loan rates in the short

Mr. Peter Birch, chief general manager of the Abbey National,

The big four banks raised said the base rate rise was a system, was approved by the teir base rates by percentage temporary upset. "We have no Chancellor yesterday morning. plans at this stage to increase rates," he said,.

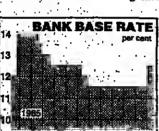
that unless there is an early This underlines the Governreversal in vesterday's base rate rise, the building societies will risks with inflation."
be forced to push up mortgage rates, currently 12.75 per cent, within a month or so.

The rise in base rat unusually, by the Michigan Mr Christoph Mr Christ

The Bank of England gave its signal for a rise in base rates shortly after midday yesterday. interested rates on the London money markets had been rising since the start of the week partly because of technical pressures during the peak corporate tax-paying season, but mainly because dealers feared that weak oil prices were about to produce a repetition of the sterling crisis of last

By yesterday morning, money market interest rates were consistent with a base rate of 12 per cent. They quickly rose by another half-point before the Bank of England announced at 2.30pm that it would lend to the money markets at a rate of 12.5 per

The Bank's move which is similar to official actions under the old minimum lending rate



said that they want the end-of-

year element raised to 9.9 per cent. The employers say they

cannot afford to raise their

offer, and that if they attempted

to split the difference between

the two figures, there would be

orities would simply refuse to

pay it, a reliable source said

yesterday. Some have already told their leaders on the

Burnham negotiating com-mittee that they cannot afford

6.9 per cent, staged to 7.5 per

cent, without making redun-

and Mr. Leon Brittan, the

Secretary of State for Trade and

the Nigerian central body.

international creditors on re-

scheduling Nigeria's £11.8 bil-

British confidence in the ad-ministration of President

As a further expression of

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lion debt.

dancies.

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent.

Many Tocal education auth-

"A Treasury spokesman said:
"To bave delayed would have But City economists believe, risked giving the wrong signal. ment's determination to take no

The rise in base rates was led. unusually, hy the Midlad Bank, which Mr Christopher McMahoa, deputy governor of the Bank of England, is shortly to join as ehief executive. It was followed by Barclays, National Westminster and, finally among the big four banks, Lloyds.

The rise lifted the pound on the foreign exchanges. The sterling index, which had dropped to sn eight month low of 77.5 on Tuesday, rose 0.4 to 77.9. The pound rose 45 points to \$1.4430 against a generally strong dollar and was later quoted in New York at \$1.4450.

The pound picked up strongly against the European currencies, gaining 2.4 pfennigs to DM3.5362 against the Ger-man mark and 8 centimes to Fr10.8483 against the French

Share prices were hit by the rise, £2 hillion was wiped off stock market values as the FT30 share index fell 11.5 to 1123.8. Government stocks rallied. City economists yesterday said the action of the Bank of England was probably enough to prevent a crisis from developing Mr Peter Fellner, of James, Capel, the stockhrokers said: "The anthorities had a strong incentive to move early rather than late. They must hope now that the oil price situation does not deteriorate.

Kenneth Fleet, page 17

Talks at Acas on teachers' dispute

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent The two sides an the lenchers eanvassed is that the employer pay dispute are to meet feel that conciliation around a formally with the conciliation percentage increase is not service. Acas, next Tuesday, it possible at present because of was announced last night. It will the gap between the two sides. However, the first such meeting in the The last informal offer was 6.9.

It month dispute.

The move is being seen as the would get 7.5 per cent by the best, and perhaps only, chance end of March.

The teachers, bowever, have Although neither side is expressing optimism, Mr Fred Smithies, general secretary of the National Association of of. Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, said he was encouraged.

On the teachers' side, we revolt. shall be doing everything we can to help Acas move the tive way," he said. A spokes-man for the management panel would only say that he would have been disappointed if the talks has not continued.

It is understood that the management side is interested in the idea of Acas setting up its. Nominations open this own inquiry into the pay morning for the 15 by-elections dispute, which would report quickly, and might end the impasse. Acas has indicated

The reason it is being

Britain and Nigeria are ready for an early resumption of full

diplomatic relations, interrup-ted as a result of the "Dikko"

affair two years ago, after this week's highly successful visit to

London by Professor Bolaji Akinyemi, the Nigerian Minis-ter of External Affairs.

recommend on his return to

Lagos that the two countries should take steps to exchange.

nigh commissioners again.

By Craig Seton

charged with manslaughter, after the death of a boy aged five during an armed police raid in Birmingham last August, the has decided.

Midlands police to appear before Birmingham magistrates and, if there is a case to answer, will be sent for trial.

has been suspended on full pay aince the shooting, said that he was "dumbstruck" by the news.

It is understood the employers have been feeling extremely gloomy for several months. Particularly since a select group of the Labourdominated employers' panel Continued on back page, col 6

Britain set to resume full The West Miclands Police relations with Nigeria

demanded a public inquiry. Yesterday she visited her husband at Birmingham's Winson Green prison



PC faces charge of

A police officer is to be Director of Public Prosecutions

Chester, aged 36, who is married with three children and who is based in Coventry, was told yesterday that he will receive a summons from West

PC Chester, a trained marksman who has been in the force for 16 years, said yesterday that he and his family were "bearing up well" in the circumstances. However, colleagues of the officer, who

The boy, John Shorthouse died after n revolver was discharged once while a search was being made at the family's home in King's Norton for his father, Mr John Shorthouse, who has since been remanded in custody charged with an armed robbery in Wales.

Federation yesterday refused to Mrs Jacqueline Shorthouse. aged 23, the boy's mother, who has two other sons, had

Industry, as "highly successful".

He said the most significant aspect of his visit had been an offer by Mr Brittan to begin talks on a new line of credit to not prepared to comment in geria's reently-announced econpublic, he is expected to omic recovery programs hoped this would lead to an early agreement with Nigeria's

pended on full pay

killing boy

and allies to enlist their support for the US economic embargo against Libya and the isolation further measures against Libya of Colonel Gadaffi as a "pariah in abeyance. But it still reserved in the world community".
In a nationally televised press conference on Monday, President Reagan condemned Colonel Gadaffi as a "Barbarian" for

his regime's role in supporting the terrorists who attacked Rome and Vienna airports. Invoking a threat to US security, he decreed a total US economic boycott of Lihya, ordered all remaining Americans there to leave immediately. and said further steps would be taken if the sanctions did not end Gadaffi's terrorism.

Europe has borne the brunt of Gadaffi's latest outrages. European leaders surely recognize that there is a strong and

of terrorism. If Libya was again

hunt down those responsible.

The warning came as evidence was disclosed of terrorist

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Mr Charles Price, United States Ambassador, answers

questions on Libyan sanctions ontside the Fareign Office

yesterday (Report, page 8).

US ultimatum over

Libyan terrorism

From Michael Binyon, Washington

US gave a warning yesterday increasing public sentiment for that it was watching the Gadaffi firm action against those who regime very, very closely "to see support terrorism." Mr Larry whether it had ended its support. Speakes, the White House

involved in a terrorist attack. He added: Many Arab states the US would not hesitate to have suffered from terrorism take a military response and Arah leaders are well aware of

plots to blow up the Capitol and assassinate an American ambassador. Washington has now cooperation of US allies and

begun urgent talks with friends friends was critical if Gadaffi

Speakes, the White House spokesman, said yesterday. He added; "Many Arab states

Arah leaders are well aware of Gadaffi's uncivilized behaviour.

and he is a threat to them as

was to pay a high cost for his actions. The US would hold

appropriate manner" in its own

The State Department later released a White Paper detailing the evidence of Colonel Gadaf-

fis sponsorship of terrorism and

of the Abu Nidal group. The

evidence is also being shown by

US ambassadors in Europe to

It showed that Ahu Nidal

had conducted training there

and that Lihyan diplomatic

missions had given logistic help

to those involved in terrorist

assaults. The evidence included

government leaders there.

the right to act

self-defence.

Libya calls sanctions a declaration of war

Tripoli (Reuter) - Lihya through the lies and allegations yesterday described President of their President. Reagan's cail for an international economic boycott of Reagan hut war, of which his Libya as "tantamount politi-

cally to a declaration of war".

The American President had treated the Linyan people with a barbarism which exceeds anything we had become accustomed to from past American Administrations," Libyan radio

said.
"What matters is the end result, which is certainly not subject to the will of the US Presdent." His past attempts to isolate Libya economically had iled to bring it to its knees.

On Mr Reagan's call for the unstable. "Nobody should think the Colonel is a mad person. He is not mad at all," he said. "He is not mad at all," he said. "He failed to bring it to its knees. leave or face possible pros- is not mad at all," he said. "He ecution, the radio said: "They knows the weaknesses of his ecution, the radio said: They should be are well aware from baving people.

The does not know Europe or the control of the con

"Thus nothing remains for

press conference has been a declaration. "Reagan may know what he

wants, which is to strike at Lihya any way he can, hut he does not know the result of this war which, were it to hreak out, would upset all existing formulas in the region, starting with that of American influence.

A Western diplomat here contradicted Mr Reagan's view of Colonel Gadaffi, the Lihyan leader, as irrational and "flaky"

Libya is different from the way America or the world, but he Reagan tries to protray it, so knows how to play with the they will be the first to see United States."

Cricket tour to Zimbabwe

The England B cricket team's tour to Zimbabwe next month will "almost certainly" be called

expected to receive confirmation that the four players in the party with South African connections would not be accepted by the Zimbabwean Government

Cricket, page 22

forecast loss on contract

By Rodney Cowton Defence Carrespondent

GEC, one of the companies n the European consortium whose rescue offer Westland directors are resisting is involved in what may turn out to be a £20 million loss for the Yeovil-hased helicopter

company. Westland fear that the loss will arise on a £150 million contract to supply more than 20 Sea King helicopters for the Indian Navy. GEC have denied responsibility for the loss.

In their preliminary accounts which Westland sent to share-holders before Christmas, a figure of £106.6 million of exceptional provisions included an item of £20 million for a possible loss on an unspecified export contract.

This was explained by a note with the accounts which said: "Difficulties bave been encountered by one of the principal sub-contractors on a major export contract, which are likely to result in significantly delayed deliveries of some or all of the helicopters concerned. In this event liguidated damages and additional costs could be

Westland refused to explain this yesterday, but it is under-stood that the note was referring to the Indian contract and to GEC Avionics, which is produc-ing the integrated electronic processing system for the Sea Kings on order.

One source close to GEC said that it was nonsense to suggest GEC was responsible for Westland losses.

Mr Jack Pateman, managing director of GEC Avionics, said that the contractual date for delivery of his company's equipment, mainly software, for the Sea Kings was December 1986.

"We are not going to be late on that," he said. It might be that the date was too late for Westland's other commitments, but Westland would have been aware of that when they agreed the contrac-tual date with GEC Avionics,

tland had originally sought a delivery date roughly six months carlier, and GEC had ioitially proposed April 1987, before December this year was agreed.

Third of young

Nearly one-third of males in England and Wales an indictable offence by the age of 28, according to the now edition of the Government's statistical compendium, Social Trends, puhlished today more than half the males found guilty or cautioned were under 21.

Most commit only one offence, though, and the great majority of crimes are carried operated freely in Libya, that he out hy a small proportion of the population. Social trends, page 5 the matter.

GECdeny Westland rejects European offer

By Judith Huntley The Anglo-European consortium's improved offer for Westward has again been rejected by the board.

Sir John Cnekney, Westland's chairman, remains adamant that the rival £74 million rescue package from Sikorsky-Fiat be recommended to shareholders for the crucial vote on January 14.

The Westland board stated yesterday that the consortium's offer has been only marginally improved, to £75 million, and the commercial prospects in the Sikorsky-Fiat deal weight more heavily. The board unanimously recommends the Ameri-

can-Italian offer to its share-hotders.
Sir John Cuckney has written to Sir Austin Pearce, chairman of British Aerospace, and leader of the European consortium, saying: "There is no change in your commerciat

German letter, page 2 Cuckney profile, page 12 Ronald Butt, page 14 Tempus, page 19

proposals and, as we told you on Monday, a marginal in-crease in the financial arrangements would not, in the board's opinion, materially affect the position.

The board will continue its whote-hearted support of the UTC and Fiat proposal." Sir John test the door open, however, for further talks with the Anglo-European consor-

The Europeans on their side suffered an embarrassing setback yesterday. Lazards, the merchant bank acting for Westland, sent out a notice saying that a material error had emerged in the consor-tium's revised offer.

Sir Raymond Lygo, chief executive of British Aerospace, stated on Tuesday that under the revised European offer, the present Westland shareholders would keep 64 per cent of the company hut if they accepted the Sikorsky-Fiat offer they would retain (only) 63 per cent.

The reverse is true.
Lloyds Merchant Bank, acting for the Europeans, sent a circular to shareholders yesterday stating the terms of the relysed offer and comparing it with that from Sikorsky-Fiat. Existing shareholders keep 64 per cent of the company with the American-Italian offer, and only 63 per cent with the Europeans.

The Anglo-Enropeans are offering I.8 million man hours over three years compared with Sikorsky-Fiat which is offering 2 million man hours over five

Shareholders are being asked for a £13 million rights issue from the consortinu as opposed to £14.2 million from Sikorsky-Fial. Bnt it is the issue of long-

term work which is the crux of

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nigh commissioners again. In an interview with The Times yesterday, Prof Akingemi described his talks with Mrs Thatelier, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, Dear Sir – from Disgruntled From Christopher Walker, Moscow

sands of readers' letters, people who do not work, yet Sovyetskapa Rossiya, a leading Moscow daily, has pinpointed the main social problems - in addition to the perennial issue only to drunkenness, this is the of drunkenness - affecting the abscess in our society. Para-Soviet Union at the beginning sites are not only dealing an

af 1986." According to the paper, its but are corrupting people. readers isolated the other burning social issues" as nothings is growing in numbers subjects for complaint in its from year to year, and is popular readers club column humiliating for honest workers, when it was decided that, after It is like a slap across the regular discussion over a period cheek or a spit in the face for of two years, the question of all of us who work a full shift," alcohol-related problems had Mr A Shipin, a teacher,

been exhausted.

The paper reported that the "Parasites are nicers on the most frequent complaint came body of nur society," he said.

From an analysis of those under the broad heading "those eat". It quoted Mr N. Shkulyev, an engineer from Vladi-vostok, who wrote: "Second only to drankenness, this is the economic blow to the country,

"The existence of good-for-

"We must either heal them or surgically remove them. Otherwise the disease will spread to the rest of the organism."

According to the paper, "hordes" of doctors and patients wrote in to nominate the state of the people's medical service which, it said, was evidently "acute". One of the main complaints voiced by ordinary citizens to Westerners is the chronic shortage of vital drugs and other medical sup-Many other letters named

"the painful problem of

should be discussed, while another issue highlighted by

the paper as being "particu-

nal housing" as one that

larly acute" as a result of its survey , was the misuse of official positions. One Muscovite, Mr S

Kindov, wrote in to state that many unpleasant phenomena indifference to public life, weak, discipline, a lack of embezziement, arroorder, gance, bureaucracy and empty

In addition to highlighting social problems, Sovyetskaya Rossiya carries another series of renders' letters this week calling on the state media to report more evenly, and not to conceal natural disasters in the Soviet Union and other prob-

looks doomed

off today, it was announced by Donald Carr, secretary of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), at Heathrow airport last night, Mr Carr was speaking shortly before the team left for the first part of their tour in Sri

Mr Carr said the TCCB

activities in Liverpool.

The documents, which are exhortations to Tendency members to increase sales of the documents were written in Militant, make clear the link the late 1970s, they still form the basis of Militant's operbetween selling the newspaper and membership of the group.
One section states: "The selling of the paper is a basic condition

The documents urge the adoption of a businesslike

of membership." Labour Party officials have in recent years ruled that selling Militant should not be seen as justification for expulsion from the party, but the documents will provide ammunitoo to those in the party leadership who want to see firm action against the organization.

Copies of the documents, in the possession of The Times, display the importance that Militant attaches to the newspaper, described us "the public face of the Tendeocy" and throughout refers to membership of the tendeocy. Militant leaders have often said that there were no members, only

There are several references to Militant as an "organization" with administration controlled from "the ceotre". The documents state: "The paper itself is the key to contact work and, therefore, the building of the

A key passage states: "Every comrade should be given a few addresses of people to be visited on a regular weekly basis with the papers. The distribution of the paper is thus the key to systematic contact work.

Documents indicating the "The branch should regularly extent of Militant Tendency's discuss this work to ensure that organaization and the purpose all comrades, without excepof its weekly newspaper are tion, are carrying it out. It must being studied by the Labour be made clear to all comrades that the selling of the paper is a activities in Liverpool.

adoption of a businesslike approach to selling the paper and spreading Militant's influence and message "Trotsky emphasized that the

task of organizing an insurrec-tion is made up of a thousand 'small' tasks which cannot be postponed. It is the same with the paper. A tendency which is incapable of tackling these small, but vital day-to-day tasks of organization does not deserve the name revolutionary.

"There is no place in our ranks for a disdainful attitude toward practical work and organizational tasks which are the stuff of real revolutionary work in the labour movement. The business manager, like the treasurer, occupies an extremely responsible position. Every comrade has a duty to help him carry out his work", the

Advice is given on bow to report matters for the newsorganization. The comrades paper, with a strong concen-must take it extremely serious- tratioo on industrial affairs and the encouragement, if possible, levelvement of students is also recommended. Their attitude to the paper would be a test of their seriousness about revolutiooary work, the document

Seamen at

BP to lose

1,700 jobs

By Michael Baily Transport Editor

Seafarers' uoions reacted

nearly 1,700 sea staff and put

many of its 30 tankers under the

Once among Britain's leading shipowners, with around 70 hig

io depressed world markets,

despite drastic cost-cuttiog measures. It hopes to save £10 million to £12 million a year by

putting ship manning under

It is to spend £50 million on

Ships registered in Bermuda

will remain uoder the British

flag and existing crews will get

first choice of jobs under the

The move was described yeslerday as "a bombsbell" by

Mr Eric Nevin, general sec-

retary of the officers' union

Numast. The unioo was

sbips from the UK fleet and was

surprised BP had moved with-

out approval from the sbipping

Seamen, which like Numast is

seeking urgent talks with BP, said it was a "shattering blow".

Mr lan Hartigan, managing director of BP Shipping, said

that the alternatives were either

disposal or wholesale lay-up of the fleet. The company's North

Sca oil support ships would be

• The number of people doing two jobs has doubled in the past

eight years to almost 700,000

and more than four million new jobs would now be required to

achieve full employment, TUC

leaders were told yesterday

The analysis, by Congress House staff, of official employ-

ment statistics, has been drawn

up for circulation to unions in

an attempt to refute the

Government's assertions of a

The paper, placed before the

yesterday, concluded that the

recovery in employment since 1983 had largely been among

part-time female workers in the

service sector at the expence of full-time jobs.

reveovery in employment.

(David Felton writes).

'sbocked" at the further loss of

new arrangements, BP said.

international agency control.

Bermuda flag.

cut by a quarter.

Struggle to | find head teachers

By Lucy Hodges, **Education Correspondent** A jump of 54 per cent in the number of headteacher posts being readvertised is revealed in

angrily yesterday to the disclos-ure that BP had plans to dismiss a new survey, as the job of headteacher becomes increasingly less attractive to polential applicants.
There has also been a rise of

13 per cent in the number of tankers, BP Shipping has been posts advertised last year, when losing up to £20 million a year there was almost continuous industrial action. The reasons for the increases are thought to be a combination of the current pay dispute, the stalus of heads. increasing workload, the salary and house prices.

The research, conducted by redundancy and early retire-ducation Data Surveys, an ment for 1,690 sea staff and independent outfit run by Mr write down the value of the John Howson in Oxford, was fleet by £80 million. A 265-the result of monitoring all strong headquarters staff will be advertisements last year for secondary school headships in state schools. It found that:

 Most readvertised posts are in London or the South-east: 55 per cent of vacancies in the Inner London Education Authority had to be readvertised.

• There is a "possibly alarming" rise in vacancies in outer London where 11 per cent of schools had a new head last

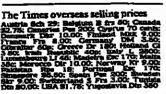
Two posts had to be advertised four times. One was a boys' secondary modern school in a south London borough, the other was a girls' grammar school in the South-

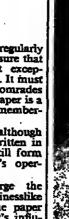
 Nearly 400 Manchester children had their first lessons for 15 weeks wheo classes began again yesterday, although n techers dispute is not settled. Pouodswick High School, io

Wythenshawe, has been at a standstill since September after five boys were suspended for covering the school's walls with obscene graffiti involving teach-

The boys were expelled hut the education committee ordered their reinstatement, after which most of the staff went on

More than half the school's 1.000 pupils were unable to attend because 20 teachers had not returned after an interim deal designed to get the school





Mrs Drake, who has won EEC support for her fight for benefit to care for her disabled mother, with her daughters Mikala (left) and Gemma (Photograph: Mike Arron).

Care allowances

Value of a round-the-clock job

was lucky, will have managed four hours sleep last night before rising at about 5am to begin the daily task of caring for her severely disabled Before she falls into bed again around midnight she will

have catered for her every need. "She is 69 years old with severe senile demostia, which means it is like looking after a one-year-old child. I have to do everything for Mum, wash her, dress her, clean her teeth, make her food and see to her each time she rises during the night", Mrs Drake said.

Mrs Drake, aged 42, does not complain about having to care for her mother; she simply sees her task as that of a daughte returning the care and affection given to her hy her mother when a child.

What has angered her is the refusal of the Department of Health and Social Security to recognize in their regulations that she is doing a valuable job and is entitiled to an allowance.

The European Commission has

possible bomb attacks from

animal liberation activists after

four devices were found and

disarmed at the homes of

shire. No one was injured. A group calling itself the Animal Rights Militia said it was

responsible for the devices

when it telephoned a national newspaper. Scotland Yard said

It was under a car at the

home of Dr Brian Mildrun, in

Dulwich, south Loodon, Last

year he headed a team using

A second bomh was found at

the home of Mr Peter Savage,

director of Shamrock Farms (Great Britain), at Steyning, West Sussex. His company

imports and breeds monkeys for

research, and has been attacked

Bob Geldof, the Band Aid

organizer, said yesterday that

the Government made u serious blunder in oot including him in

Speaking publicly on the matter for the first time, Mr

Geldof said: "It is oot some-

thing which bothers me person-ally but I think that it was a

serious cock-up by the Govern-

He said he had not com-

mented earlier because he did not want to make an issue of it. But pressed to speak out at a

book launch, be said: "It is terribly fronic that this Govern-

the New Year Honours list.

Loodoo was "viable"

limited in effect.

target for other attacks.

cientists in London, Sussex,

By Peter Davenport and Nicholas Timmins Mrs Jacqueline Drake, if she case brought by Mrs Drake such sums might better be

with the backing of the Child Poverty Action Group.

The refusal to pay married women, it argues, breaches the commission's directive on equal treatment, as men who give up work to care for someone to qualify for the benefit. At present just over 10,000 do so at a cost to the social security system of £11 million.

If Mrs Drake wins the final stage of her case at the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg on January 22, op to 76,000 married women may qualify for the allowance, with an additional 20,000 possibly getting some extra help at a cost to the DHSS of over £85 millioo a year. The result of the bearing is not expected until later this year.

The DHSS said yesterday that it opposed the extension of women in part because it believes the benefit is not covered by the equal treatment directive, and because it would represent a "snbstantial additional cost".

Ministers such as Mr Antony Newton, Minister for Social Security, have argued that if an extra £85 million supported the right of married that if an extra £85 million some; 8,000 m where to the £23 week were available there are other bave lodged claimvalid care allowance, in a test competing priorities on which care allowance.

consisted of gas cylinders and a

timer, and was similar to that

in the garden of the bome of

Hazleton Laboratories, near

home of Professor Ted Evans, Professor of Auditory Physiology

under-Lyme. Staffordshire Police said that it was con-

sidered to be an effective bomb.

Special Branch and officers at

Scotland Yard's Cll hranch.

which has a special team to

Earlier, the Animal Liber-

ation Front admitted responsi-

hility for an incendiary device

io a department store in Sheffield. Prior to that it was

used only by the Animal Rights

ment talks a lot about moral

regeneration yet, when it is actually faced with an explosion of it, it does not know how to respond. Live Aid made compassion Britain's biggest

Mr Geldof, who had pre-viously indicated that he wanted to end full-time aid

work to return to the music

husiness, was speaking ut the launch of With Geldof in Africa by David Blundy and Paul Vallely.

export last year."

thought explosives had

Details have been passed to

The fourth was found at the

The third device was found

found in London.

Harrogate.

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Scientific researchers were Sussex Police said that the given a warning yesterday of device was not explosive but

North Yorkshire and Stafford Dr Alan Armitage, scientific shire. No one was jojured. A director and chief toxicologist at

that the bomb uncovered in at Keele University, Newcastle-Lordon was "viable" but under-Lyme. Staffordshire

baboons for research into which has a special team to epilepsy for the Institute of gather and monitor intelligence

Psychiatry, and has been a on extremist animal rights

Honours omission a

blunder, Geldof says

but

In addition the allowance was introduced in 1978 to try to take men and single women caring for relatives off means-tested allowances such as supplementary benefit, and

married women living with their husbands would not have een entitled to supplementary

Mrs Drake lives with her husband, Clive, an industrial surveyor, in a hungalow in Shawbrook Avenoe, Worsley, Manchester. Of their three children, only the two youngest, Gemma, aged seven, and Mikala; aged three, are still at In May 1894 Mrs Drakes

parents moved to live with them. Within a mouth her father had died from a beart complaint and Mrs Drake was forced to give up her two jobs as a school crossing patrol and a cleaner, to care foll-time for her mother. Her husband earns £460 a mooth and they have a £10,000 mortgage on .. their

Since Mrs Drake won the first stage of her case last year some; 8,000 married women have lodged claims for invalid

Animal rights group Machine-gun guard for Heathrow

By Our Crime Reporter Scotland Yard's Dll firearm

specialist armed with sub-machine guns and wearing body armour will take up guard duties at Heathrow Airport terrorist attack. It will be the first time

policement in mainland Britain have openly used such guns. Yesterday a senior Yard officer said that fresh suppliers of the West German-made guns, adapted to fire single rounds only, have been authorized by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home

Secretary.

Mr Geoffrey MeLean, assistant commissioner for terminal operations, said in a statement officers, qualified to carry guns and stationed at Heathrow, in the use of the sub-machine guns, and would then be withdrawn.

When details of the plan were first disclosed earlier this week it was understood the weapon would be a miniature Heckler and Koch sub-machine gun, first bought for the world economie summit held in London in 1984.

Yesterday Yard sources said that these were condidered among other hut the chosen weapon was the firm's sub-machine gun called the MP5 A2. The Yard has had an impublicized stock of these since 1974 for anti-terrorist use when authorized by the Com-missioner of the Metropolitan

The police chose the MP5 A2 because it is designed for overt use. The police want potential terrorists to see what they face Police believe the chosen gun gives police guards a weapon which can be fired from the shoulder, giving more accuracy play next month as scheduled, and steadiness than a handgun. he would forfeit his title.

and soberly", he said.

Decision next week on chess contest venue By Our Foreign Staff

A decision on whether London or Leningrad should be

the venue for the controversial world title chess rematch between Gary Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov is likely to be announced next Wednesday or Thursday. Mr Florencio Campomanes,

the president of the Inter-national Chess Federation (FIDE), said in Moscow that he would probably name the venue on January 15 or 16. Asked what would happen if Kasparov carried out his re-ported threat not to play the rematch so soon after the initial championship victory in November, Mr Campomanes said: "The regulations are clear.

They have been clear for the last ... close to 40 years." He would not elaborate, but Mr Lim Kok Ann, secretary general of FIDE, has said that if the world champion refused to

Wrangle over Westland

Germans add weight to propaganda drive against Sikorsky

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The Whitehall propaganda battle over Westland continued The Ministry of Defence last night took the opportunity of advising shareholders to consider both offers before deciding on their votes.

After Mr. Heseltine had been sent to completed proxy form battle over Westland continued yesterday with the Ministry of Defence releasing the text of a West German letter opposing the bid by Sikorsky and Fiat.
Herr Dr Manfred Worner, the federal Minister for Defence, told Mr Michael Heselsent u completed proxy form, enabling him to cast a vote, the ministry said "that when shareholders have been able to tine, Secretary of State for Defeoce, that he was "relucconsider both sets of proposals" their proxy forms should be tant" to take sides, but he wanted greater European cosent to the company registrar rather then Whitehall. operation.

He also said that the Germans had already rebuffed an attempt by Sikorsky "to get a foothold m our helicopter

Dr Wörner said: "Since we have already worked very closely together in our efforts towards a more intensive European defence and procure-ment co-operation, I would therefore like to express my sympathy and support for your dea of European backing of Westland."
The Cabinet will discuss the

state of play oo Westland this morning. It is possible, if not probable, that the Prime Minis-ter will warn both Mr Heseltine and Mr Leon Brittan, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, to keep out of the struggle for shareholders' support.

Meanwhile, the European lobbying continued apace with Signor Raffaelo Teti, the chairman of Augusta, the Italian partner io the Anglo-European consortium, saying that Wes-tlaod would be excluded from the NH90 belicopter project if the Sikorsky-Fiat bid were

lingen, said in a statement yesterday that his government would also drop possible plans to buy the Westland I would seem that it would seem that

letter to Sir Raymond: "Our slewards at Westland are extremely concerned that, if the board of directors does not

Mr Todd also said in the

Members of Westland's biggest union yesterday voted in favour of Sikorsky-Fiat rescue.

A mass meeting of the engineering unioo's TASS section at Yeovil, Somerset, endorsed the Westland Board's

preference for the American package, despite the earlier

expression of support for the

• The Transport and General

Workers Union has written to

Sir Raymond Lygo, chief executive of British Aerospace,

who is heading the European

consortium, and Sir John Cuckney, Westland's chief,

Cuckney, Westland's chief, seeking clarification of a number of points that are

worrying Westland's workforce.

Mr Roo Todd, TGWU
general secretary, said be had
asked Sir Raymond to send the
union copies of the European
consortium's proposals as the
2,000 TGWU members in
Westland's 7,000-strong workforce had not seen them.

force had not seen them.

European consortium

the company's shareholders get the 75 per cent needed, opted for the Sikorsky, Fiat then the European consortium offer.

BAe chief denies 'tin bashing' claim

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Sir Raymond Lygo, chief getting into trenches." executive of British Aerospace, Sir Raymond ad Sir Raymond added: who is leading the European would have hoped that the consortium bidding for Wes- hoard would look more rationwould have hoped that the tland, said yesterday it was an ally at the European proposals. extraordinary assumption that . He announced new orders worth more than £200 million the belicopier manufacturer would become "tin bashers" and discussed plans for future BAe involvement in the next and no longer assemble complete aircraft generation of Airbus airliners.

At his second press conference in successive days, called ostensibly to announce new Aerospace."

At his second press conference in successive days, called be bad to be touched by British Aerospace." civil aircraft orders, Sir Raymond again criticized the Westland board and said it was "completely notrue" to suggest that shareholders would not that shareholders would not that if the Sikorsky bid was also "a false assumption" that if the Sikorsky bid was that if the Sikorsky bid was that if the Sikorsky bid was the sixorsky bid was the si have an offer in front of them rejected, Westland would be liquidated, Sir Raymood said. apart from that of Sikorsky/

"Westland shareholders are beginning to realize that there is more at stake here than might have been apparent, and there is from dawo today to protect ao increasing awareoess that passengers from the threat of there should be more time to consider the alternative sensibly

People had believed everything that Sikorsky/Fiat said one must recognize that there and nothing from the European are exceptions." Westland consortium. The Westland should have been one such board was unable to change its exception, be said. "It is a mind. "The fact that a much company of strategic importbetter offer has come along is ance. It has got some unique very difficult for them, and expertise that ought to be people are striking attitudes and preserved."

Civil Servant denies sex threat to typist A government official denied

Sir John Cuckney, the West-

land chairman, said yesterday

been saved by government

"I'm not an interventionist

The more market forces can

determine the course a com-

pany takes, the better, though

Westland

intervention before any commer-

cial rescue bid was necessary.

at the Central Criminal Court vesterday that he threatened to get a typist dismissed onless she had sexual intercourse with bim. But he later went to her home after they met at an office Christmas party where they had a "kiss and cuddle". The Civil Servant, aged 32

said that as he lay naked on ber bed two men rushed in. They took photographs and then attacked and tortured him. He said he was punched, kicked and burned on the stomach with a lighted cigarette by the

pin's boy friend, Mr Leonard Denham, aged 54. The girl, Miss Mary Harvey, aged 37, sat sobbing on a sofa,

Miss Harvey, of Balgowan Road, Beckenham, Kent, and Mr Denham, of Balham Road, Balham, south London, plead not guilty to wounding him with intent to cause grievous bodily barm and blackmail The trial continues today.

leaders signed an exclusive deal

for the Post. He forecast that the

Commentary Geoffrey

first meeting of 1986 today. Westland will not be u separate ltem on the agenda. This does not mean that ministers will maintain u discreet silence on the issue that is now dominating British politics. It will certainly be discussed, probably under the heading of parliamentary husiness for the coming week.

Smith

But this suggests that the discussion will focus not 50 much on the merits of the rival claims as on how the Cahinet can best contain the dispute that is raging within its ranks
That would be wise.

It would be impossible at this stage to secure agreement io fuvour of one option or the other. Mr Heseltine is by no means alone in preferring the European alternative and I do not believe it would be practical politics to get the Cahinet as a whole to reject it when the decision does not rest with the Government anyway.

But neither would he stand the slightest chance of persuading the Cabinet collectively to back his preference against the resistance not only of Mr Brittan but also of the Prime Minister and the Treasury

Stand-off over dispute's cause

So on the substance of the dispote there is, for the moment, a stand-off. There may, however, be a better prospect now of gettiog minis-ters to cmb their public

At its last meeting the Cabinet agreed that a stage had been reached where the matter was in the hands of the shareholders and no minister was to try to influence them in one direction or the other. Merely to mention that now is enoogh to raise a wry smile.

The most open and obvious violations have come from Mr Heseltine. I have noticed over the past few days that many of the past few days that many of those who agree with him on the substance, including a number of his ministerial colleagues, believe that he is overplaying his hand.

be is hidding for the leadership. Such a direct challenge to the aothority of an entrenched Prime Minister would not be the best way to secure the leadership of the Conservative that the company should have

All the signs are that throughoot this dispote Mr Heseltine has been acting as an angry man rather than as a personally calculating man. But quite a number of Conservatives may not like that either.

There have been three distinct phases in the political reactions to his campaign. First there was a sense of astonishmeot, mingled with nwe, at the risk he was running. Theo mounting admiration for his nerve and accomplishment in securing a hearing for the European option – to the point where it seemed that his stature would be enhanced, whatever the ootcome.

Now there is quite a widespread feeling that he has been throwing more punches thao have been necessary for his cause.

But it is not only Mr Heseltine who has ignored the Cabinet's ruling on restraint. Mr Brittan has also been hattling away with much vigour, even if his tactics have less of the flavour of a cavalry

Thatcher failed to stop brawling

Mrs Thatcher is. therefore. exposed to a double criticism that she failed to provide sufficient opportunity for private argument earlier and has been unable to prevent the public brawling later. The two complaints are not unrelated.

Mr Heseltine would have had less sympathy among his colleagues from the moment the dispute became public if they all felt he had had a fair chance to make his case. Some of them had a particular sense of fellow feeling for him because they, too, had previously experienced the mortification of losing their cause without what they regarded as a proper hearing.

Now it is in the self-interest of ministers on both sides to play it more quietly. Mr Brittan would be unlikely to influence the shareholders by raising the political temperature still higher and Mr Hesseltine has done enough to focus their cities. enough to focus their attention on the European option.

I, personally, believe that It is a good thing that he has done so. Otherwise the case would probably have gone by default, but it is now up to the rival consortia to argue their cause

With Geldof in Africa; by David Blundy and Paul Vallely (Times Books 25.95). 'Jobs for life' claim may delay Post launch

By Barrie Clement Labour Reporter

The launch of News Inter-national's London Post may be delayed because of n "johs for life" elaim by production delayed because of it joins for life" claim by production unions at the company's exist-ing titles. Mr William O'Neill, chief negotiator for News International, said the unions' clause calling for index-linked to protest against the legally-binding no-strike deal sought by would have to concentrate their atteotions on The Times, Sun and News of the World.

paper, scheduled to appear on March 17, the company had every intention of pressing ahead with publication, Mr O'Neill refused to be drawn oo whether the company O'Neill said.

He accused the National Graphical Association, Sogat and the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers of at-tempting to create a dispute at

would switch production to Wapping, where the Post is to be printed, if production of the four existing papers was halted. Mr O'Neill is expected to join Mr Rupert Murdoch, chairman

other too executives at the weekend in London to review the situation and plan their next

the Fleet Street electricians, yesterday gave warning that all Despite the possible post- Both Sogat and the NGA are four newspapers would be asked to adopt rotas which ponement of the new news- to ballot their members on stopped if his union's national involve no overtime payments,

disruption would spread to other titles as anger over such a settlement erupted elsewhere. But Mr Geraghty hoped to persuade Mr Eric Hammond, General Secretary of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union, to change his strategy.

29 members of Sogat at

Mirror Group Newspapers were deemed to have dismissed themselves yesterday after re-Mr Scan Geraghty, leader of fusing to adopt a new working the Fleet Street electricians, system, Copy takers and switchboard operators - have been

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Three die

as blizzards

bring

road chaos

Blizzards that swept much of northern and central England, Mid-Wales and Scotland yesterday left a trail of accidents and deaths in the water so far.

The snow hlocked many roads and made many others

dangerous for mntorists.

On Merseyside, a man aged 67 died after his car skidded on the snow and slid into railings at the Walton Hospital, Liver-

Two other elderly people died in road accide ats amid blizzards

in road accide at a min bitzards in the city: a woman aged 72 was hit hy a car aad a man aged 68 collapsed at the wheel of his vehicle, which ran into a wall.

The London Weather Centre and warrands, that most of the

said yesterday that most of the snow would disappear hy tomorrow. However, many roads remained blocked, speed

limits as low as 20 mph were

enforced on some motorways and the Automnbile Association warned against "irrespon-sible" fast driving and un-

The worst-affected areas stretched from Mid-Wales across the Midlands into Lin-

accessary journeys.

Doctors criticized for sending too many patients to hospitals

many patients to hospital, and seem unaware of the economic costs of their decisions, Dr Donald Acheson, the Depart-ment of Health's chief medical

officer, says in a report today.

Some general practitioners refer 25 times as many patients to hospital as others, and such variations have "enormous implications for hospitals and for the cost of their services" he

One must ask whether some patients are receiving too much care - any form of medical procedure carries a risk. On the other hand, are patients who need specialist services being access because the doctors fail to respond to their

Some family doctors send too when the variation in practice The report contains criti-

Dr Acheson's criticisms are coatained in a report, Health, Education and General Practice, published today by the Office of Health Economics. The report is the outcome of a meeting of experts discussing future developments in general practice.

Common of the contributors that access to GPs can be "awful" in some cases. But it also expresses optimism for the future of general practice.

Professor George Teeling Smith, director of the Office of Health Economics, says: "There are still isolated pockets of poor received but they must not be is the outcome of a meeting of experts discussing future devel-opmeats in general practice.

Research has shown that the aearer patients live to a hospital, the more likely they are to become an in-patient.

A Scottish study showed that patients living within three miles of a hospital were twice as likely to be referred to it as outpatients as those who lived at a greater distance.

Two number of new referrals doctors fail to respond to their needs?" Dr Achesoa asks.

"If we are to obtain the best from our health service, we cannot permit management by cut feeling." We should be a under of doctors has also patients."

"The mumber of new feel rais report: "The great majority of general practitioners have shown themselves to be well-intentioned people, determined to do a good joh for all their patients." 'gut feeling'. We should be making doctors more aware of what they are doing the costs of doing it, and challenging them should be increased and, in fact, each Health, Education and General Practice (Office of Health Economics, 12 Whitehall, London SW1A 2 DY, £1.50).

practice, but they must not b allowed to detract from the overall positive and optimistic picture which emerges for the development of general practice in Britain in the 1980s and 1990s."

field. Regius Professor of Medicine at Cambridge University, says in a foreword to the report: "The great majority of patients."

Health, Education and General

US firm in private health drive

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

world's biggest health insurance companies yesterday launched an assault oo the British market with the aim of covering at least a millioa people within five

The United States-based company, which made heavy advertising campaign with a losses after an earlier attempt to break into the British market, is to £8 million in the first year, break into the British market, is understood to be willing to invest about £80 millioa over five years. If successful it will become the second leader in the become the second leader in the schemes, including some with incurance market which to £8 millioa in the tirst year, ive treatment.

Psychiatric care, treatment of drug and alcohol abuse and long-term kidney dialysis are excluded in some policies.

Mutual, which has renamed attract more individual suitself Health First for its scribers and small companies. relaunch, covers only about 50,000 of the 5 millioa people

oa health insurance schemes in Britain.

Mutual of Omaha, one of the is headed by the British United restricted cover for lower premiums, in an attempt to

attract more individual sub-

One scheme includes the first part-insurance offer, with a benefit of £150 a day which would cover treatment in some provincial private hospitals and pay beds hut which the insured could top up for more expens-

Ford invests Experts help £400m in new Transit

By Clifford Webb Motoring Correspondent

Ford has iovested £400 millioo to produce a streamlined replacement for the

More than £100 millioa of this has been speot oo modernizing their Southamptoo factory, said to be the most advanced truck plant in the

The motor iodustry's first vision cameras to monitor body | plied by Cordier (UK). shells to easure that components arriving automatically at the assembly track match 37 and Mr Colin Qinton, the versions of the oew Transit.

the 2.5 litre diesel introduced 18 eace that wines be served in mooths ago.

A five-speed gearbox is offered for the first time, together with a new type of suspensioa which Ford say provides levels of ride handling and comfort comparable with most passenger cars".

The new body gives up to 13 per cent more load space and the Transit is said to be cheaper

Last year the Transit accounted for nearly one ia three of the record 138,000 light/medium commercial vehicles sold in Britain.

Severn Bridge tolls may rise

Tolls on the Severn Bridge may rise again this year after a Government decisioa to appea agaiast a High Court ruling that last year's rise, from 20p to 50p,

was illegal.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, is expected to refer to prospective costs of up to £40 million to strengthea the hridge after dnubts arising from higherthan-predicted traffic and the effect of high winds.

Job claim lost

Mr David' Geen, aged 42, of Oldham, Lancashire, a former BBC producer yesterday lost his claim for unfair dismissal after Members in dustrial scheme 1985 of 9.9 per cear, the survey a Manchester industrial tribunal cameraman, used abusive lan- year. guage to a female reporter and then abandoaed his crew during a film project in Spaia.

Hero passes test

named recently as Man of the Year, who was badly injured with the Welsh Guards at Bluff Cnve in the Falklands, has passed his driving test at the first attempt.

Phonebox change

A revolution that will in the aext 10 years replace red telephoae boxes with more damage-proof, economical and overall, he said. damage-proof, economical and roomier coffee-coloured kiosks, was launched by British Tele-com yesterday with the removal nf a red box in Gateshead.

Captain fined

The master of the QE2, Captain Lawrence Portet, was fined £200 by Southampton magistrates for failing to report a case of meningitis aboard the liner last May,

to pick BA 'worst' wine

By Robin Young

Two wines served by British Airways which were judged the worst offered to husiness class passengers by any of 20 international airlines in a blind Transit van which has dominated the light commercial tasting were supplied to the vehicle market in Britain for 20 airline by companies with representatives on its own wine selection committee.

The offending British Air-vays' wines, which came ways' bottom io a tasting organized by Business Traveller magazine, were Grierson-Bloementhal Cotes-du Rhoue red and a 'seciag" computer uses tele- white Entre-deux-Mers sup-

risions of the oew Translt.

There is a choice of 1.6, 2 and (UK), last night blamed poor quarter bottles for their failure. A panel of six experts tasted

wiges served in business class hy 20 international airlines, without knowing from which airline they had come, and agreed that British Airways served the worst red and the worst white.

The chairman of the judges. Mr Oz Clarke, editor of Webster's Wine Price Guide, said: "The wines served hy the world's favourite airline would curry favour with nobody. They are simply atrocious, and a national disgrace.

For the second successive year Air New Zealand was judged to serve the best wines nverall. Its red Montana Cabernet Sauvignon 1981 was highly placed also.

Drivers' wiped out

Drivers appearing before the ourts for traffic offeaces may e getting off lightly because of the practice at Swansea's Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre of expunging previous convictions from the computer after disqualification.

The practice, which has come to the attention of the Magistrates' Association, means that oo records are being kept of many traffic offences oace drivers lose their liceoces, other than the fact of disqualification itself.

association secretary, said yes-terday: This is a totally unsatisfactory state of affairs and we are anxious to alert ministers to it".

Under the penalty points ystem, drivers can accumulate oints before losing their licence. "At that point the idea is that the slate is wiped clean, and a driver starts all over again, accruing points if there is a fresh offence. But no one expected that wiping the slate dean' would be takea literally", Mr Normaa said.

The problem seemed to have arisen because the police no longer kept records of minor motoring coavictions, in the belief that the information was available on the Swansca computer. "That assumptioa was clearly unfounded", he said.

come to light only if other criminal offences, which are recorded, were involved.

convictions By Frances Gibb

Legal Affairs Correspondent

Mr Geoffrey Norman, the

Previous coavictions would

10% increase in house prices forecast

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

House prices are likely to increase hy more than 10 per ceat in 1986, according to the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers, whose latest the Midlands, 7.9 per cent in ISVA/Financial Weekly survey the North-east and 6.9 per cent in the North-west.

shows an increase of 2.1 per was told that he hadsworn at his cent in the final quarter of the

Mr Vinceot Kenneally, ISVA president, said that while there vere the usual regional variations, society members had seen marked improvement in

"Unless there is a major change in ecoaomic fortunes.

Prices ia the South-east cent, followed by 9.9 per cent in the South-west, 9.5 per cent in

In its general assessment, the survey is closely in accord with the Halifax Building Society, which announced yearly increase of 9.7 per cent. The Halifax said that this was a larger increase than predicted, largely because of huoyant market in December. "Prices have moved ahead fairly strongly since the September reduction in mortgage rates began to affect purchasers' decisions", it said.

The Halifax, has found greater regional variations from its analysis of 203,000 trans-actions during the year.

It gives an annual increase in the North of only 1.1 per cent, compared with 5.4 per cent in the West Midlands, 10.4 per cent in East Anglia, 13.1 per cent in East Anglia, 13.1 per cent in the South-east and 18.3 per cent in Greater London.

AVERAGE HOUSE PRICE BY REGIONS (E) 21,348 45,180 50,455 51,728 52,924 54,823 56,254 16,993 38,729 36,068 36,946 37,721 39,051 39,636 15,149 25,911 27,955 28,501 29,021 29,949 30,614 16,501 29,394 21,404 31,945 32,432 32,997 33,563 18,013 27,306 29,819 30,274 30,898 31,584 32,181 Balloon used to save heart-defect baby



By Peter Davenport Surgeons who carried out pioneering open-heart surgery on a baby aged two days were optimistic last night that it would save her life.

Kirsty MacDonald, born with a series of defects not known to have occurred together before, is the youngest patient to have undergone the operation, which involves in-flating a tiny balloon inside the

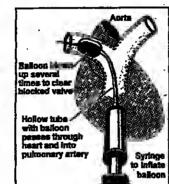
carried out at the Killingbeck Hospital, Leeds, by a team of 10 led by Mr Duncan Walker, a paedatric cardiac surgeon. A second operation was carried out 12 hours later to correct other faults in the baby's heart. Last night she was in the hospital's intensive care unit. Officials said that if she survived for the next week her chances of making a full recovery were good. Without the operation she would almost certainly have died.

Kirsty was born on New Year's Eve in a hospital in Sheffield but rapidly developed transferred to Killingbeck on January 2 when the operation disclosed only yesterday, took

Mr Walker said yesterday that the most severe problem was the complete blockage of a valve in the pulmonary artery carrying blood from the heart to the lungs. It was complicated by partial blocking of the acrts.

the main artery of the heart.

A tiny balloon was forced into the blocked valve between heart and lungs and



syringe to widen the gap. "In this way we made a way lungs without having to put her on a heart-lung machine. It is the first time that this procedure has been attempted on a child so young". Mr Walker

The second operation involved transplanting a section of artery from one of Kirsty's arms to replace the defective area of the sorts.

Kirsty's parents, Mr Neil MacDonald, an accountant, and his wife Julie, who also have a son aged three are staying at the hospital to be close to their daughter.

Mr David Fox, the deputy hospital administrator, said yesterday that Kirsty's con-dition was very poorly hat stable. "She has been given a 50-50 chance of surviving and if the nperation is a success she should not need further surgery", be said.

Tottenham riot man denies

prosecution, said that Mr Jarrett, aged 26, was one of four men who smashed the front window of Regent jeweller's in High Road, Wood Green oo May 2, 1984 and stole items worth £12,500.

Mr Jarrett, who is unem-ployed, of Thorpe Road, South Tottenham, denied taking part in the burglary. He has also pleaded aot guilty to an alternative charge of handling a

Miss Korner alleged that Mr Jarrett later admitted to the police that he pawned a £325 gold bracelet.

jewellery raid

Patrick Jarrett, whose mother's death sparked off the Tottenham riot, took part in a raid on a jeweller's shop, it was alleged at Wood Green Crown Court vesterday.

gold bracelet

The trial continues today.

colnshire, which, like many areas, received up to six inches of snow. The 8½ inches which fell in the Derby area was the worst in a 12-hour period for 16 The AA described conditions in Birmingham as "akin to the Arctic" as snow fell continuously for 18 hours. Thousands Miss Joanna Korner, for the of cars were abandoned in the

Midlands. A string of accidents were reported in Staffordshire, where motorists were advised oot to venture out unless absolutely necessary. At one time, 70 per cent of roads is the north of the county were blocked.

Schools were closed in parts of Powys, in mid-Wales, and Shropshire,

The London Weather Ceatre said last night that Scotland and Northern Ireland would have rain today with mist, fog and ice ia many areas of England and

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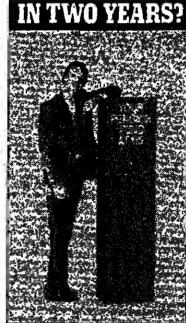
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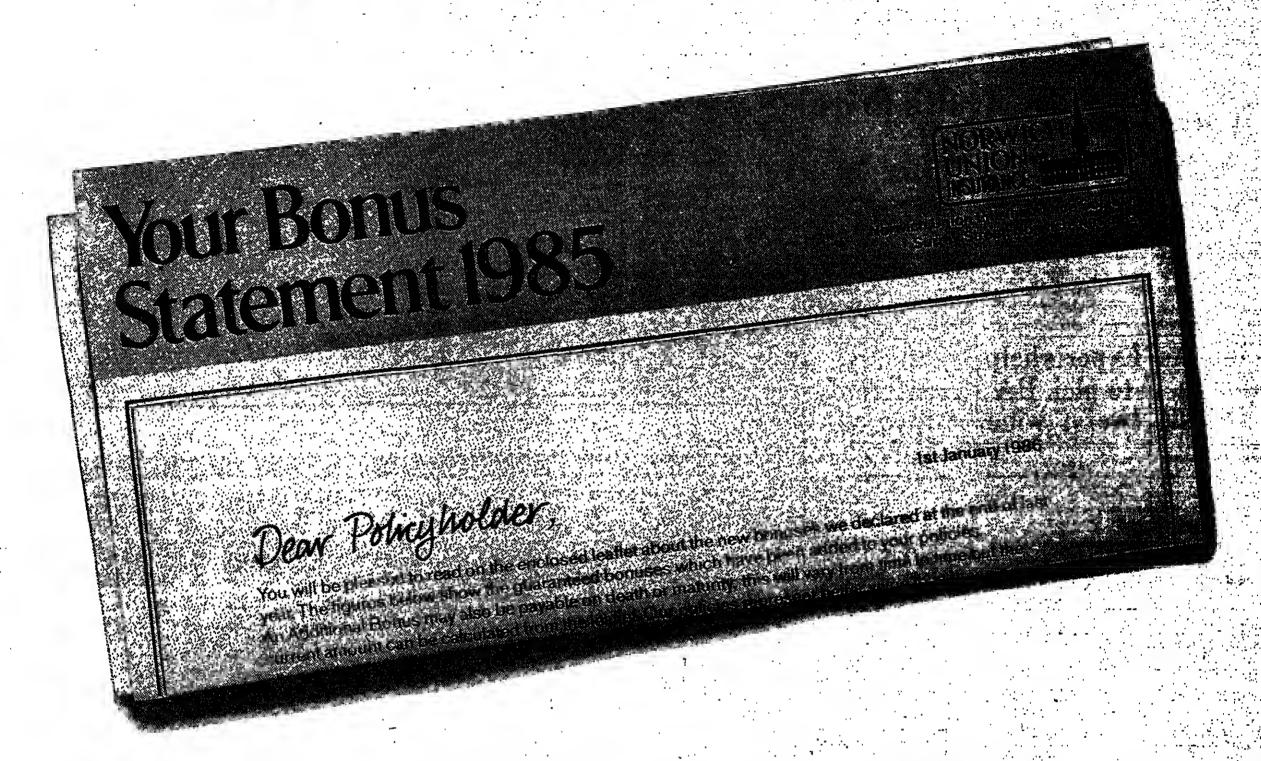
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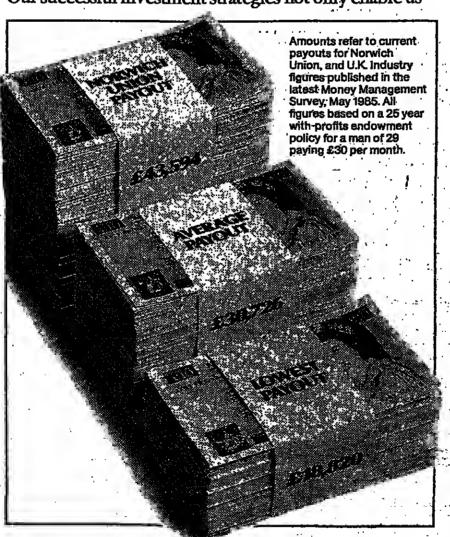
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SOCIAL TRENDS: CRIME, CLASS AND PENSIONS

One in three men guilty of serious crime by age of 28

The British are more crimi. The criminal background of but, if attempted burglaries are nal than was thought Nearly the British is disclosed by the excluded, the rise is 11 per one in every three mer born in first comparative results from cent. one in every three men born in first comparative results from 1953 had one or more convictional studies of the criminal careers tions for the more serious of those born during four offences by the age of 28, selected weeks of 1953, 1958. offences by the age of 28, according to government stat-istics published today in Social

A similar trend is becoming apparent among males born in 1958 and 1963.

"I do find it surprising", Mr Deo Ramprakash, Social Trends editor said, "But most had only one conviction." Conviction rates for females are lower. Only 6 per cent born in 1953 had been similarly

convicted by the age of 28.

The list of offences includes all indictable crimes as well as some summary offences such as aggravated assault, assault on a constable and cruelty to a child. But most summary motoring offences and others such as

and 1963. The number of offence

cleared up by the police in England and Wales in 1984, at 1.2 million, was about 1 per cent higher than in 1983. But the clear-up rate of reported offences was 35 per cent, compared with 37 per cent in 1983 and 45 per cent in 1971. Scotland and Northern Ireland had comparatively lower clearup rates in 1984, at 31 per cent:

Cars, vans and motorcycles were the most common targets of crime: in 1983 one in five owners had vehicles stolen or vandalized, or property stolen

The results of the British Crime Survey indicate that burglaries increased by 21 per cent between 1981 and 1983

serious worry to women. Thirty per cent in England and Wales said in 1984 that they were "very worried" about it.

The number of notifiable offences recorded by the police

in England and Wales in which firearms were used quadrupled between 1972 and 1982, fell slightly in 1983 but rose again in 1984 to 8,376. Firearms were reported to have been used in more flian 8 per cent of robberies recorded in 1984.

Over half of males found guitty of, or cautioned for indictable offences in England and Wales in 1984 were aged under 21. The highest rate of offending between 1961 and 1984 was by males aged 14 to

Just over a quarter of crown

were acquitted. About 20 per cent of the United Kingdom prison population in 1984 were on remand, either untried or The total prison population

m England and Wales in 1993 is projected to be between 48,500 and 51,900, compared with 43,300 m 1984. Proportionately, the biggest increase - between 34 and 44 per cent - is projected to be in the remand population. Three-tenths of men in prison in England and Wales on June. 30, 1984, kad been convicted of

burglary. During 126,000 victims of crime in the United Kingdom were offered help by volunteers in the National Association of Victims Support Schemes, nearly double the 1983 figure.

About one policeman in 180 m England and Wales at the end of 184 was from an ethnic

Britons better off, better educated and a better class of person

Britons now tend to se themselves as a better class of person. Two-fifths of the population consider themselves middle class, and almost a third place themselves in a higher

social class than their parents. Only nine per cent think the have slipped on the social scale from the position their parents

This air of general comfor and widespread self-satisfac tion, tinged with disappoint ment and straitened circumstance for an unfortunate few, is reflected through Social Trends Government's annual compendium of charts, tables and statistical interpretation, the sixteenth edition of which is published today.

In general terms, and by almost evey indicator, we are hetter off than we were. A married man on average earnings today bas to work only 2. hours 16 minutes to buy a bottle of whisky. In 1977 that would have required 4 hours 17. minutes of hard-slog.

Protein-rich diet

Everybody's diet gives them substantially more protein and vitamin C than they need but, sadly, not enough energy.

For that reason perhaps, 38 per cent of men and 32 per cent of women are overweight, with 6 and 8 per cent respectively

obese. In recent years people have been urged towards a healthier dict by cutting down on sugar, salt and animal fat, and cating more bread, fruit, cereals and vegetables. In fact, uncooked poultry is the only meat product

of which we are buying more. Consumption, of butter has more than halved since 1961, and, on average, people are consuming more cheese, fresh fruit and fruit products, but less milk, eggs, fish, fresh (as opposed to processed) potatoes, hread cakes and biscuits, and

The better-off eat less bread and fewer eggs than poorer bouseholds, but up to two and a half times as much fruit.

Working week

1931-51

lousehold tasks

Washing and iroting Preparation of

evening meal Household cleaning Household shopping

Evening dishes

Looks after the children when they are sick-Teaches the children

Organization of household money

airs of house

The average weekly working bours have been reduced to nearly 42 for men, and just over

POPULATION CHANGES

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Pensioners' income

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

higher state pensions, more occupational pensions and other

social security benefits and

gross income would be about two thirds of their salaries in

they had to spend in 1976, in

Apart from improvements in

pensions, pensioners have gained improved housing and

disability benefits, but income from investments and savings

has declined in importance.

real terms. .

deducting items such as tax:

1950s against an increase of only two-thirds for those below pension age. Income per head the figures suggest that for pensioners had risen from those who retired in 1982 their about 40 per cent of that of non-

Younger pensioners are sig- 1976. Disposable income would aged over 75, and only a few are very well off. One in 10 has an income above the average for a working family.

1982 had on average £88 a week disposable income for couples and between £50 and £55 a week for single people, had incomes above the poorest 10 per cent of

In general, they were a quarter better off than those below pension age who were not in work, including the unem-ployed, the disabled and single

37 for women. In 1963 almost all full-time manual employees (97 per cent) had a basic holiday entitlement of only two weeks. Now almost as many (95 per cent) can claim a full four weeks or more, and almost a fifth bave

five weeks or more.

WHO DOES WHAT IN THE HOME

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rises threefold

Pensioners as a whole are The report also suggests that much better off than they were pensioners retiring now are 30 years ago, although many are still relatively poor, according to figures in Social Trends.

Pensioners' read incomes have almost tripled since the early

Half of all pensioners, who in

says. Only a fifth of working families had incomes below the average for pensioners. overseas on holiday at some 1978. than a third (36 per cent). But in 1984, the average household still spent more on drinking out More and more people take

(£5.30 per week) than on holidays (£4.28).
Less than two-fifths of respondents gave an unqualified 'yes" when asked whether they thought drinking could damage people's health. Heavier drinkers were by far the most likely to deny any connection; 7 per cent insisted that alcohol could not possibly damage health.

Fewer road deaths

The proportion of drivers killed on the roads with more than the prescribed limit of alcohol at 28 per cent, is still higher than it was in 1967 when breath-test ligislation was intro-

A sobering sidelight on the subject is that the average cost of a fatal road accident is estimated at £182,000. That includes lost output, police and emergency services, damage to property, and an allowance for pain, grief and suffering. The estimated cost of all road accidents in Great Britain in

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number of deaths was a fifth lower than in 1971, even though there are a third more vehicles.

Against that there is a higger ageing population. The number of people 65 or over is nearly five times greater now than it was in 1901.

or over, who are expected to make up more than a tenth of the elderly by 2001. The old are not necessarily badly off. Half of the nation's

retiring on incomes much nearer those they enjoyed in work than in the past. This is the result of over five alone; and they may be sick. More than half those over 65 living outside insti-tutions describe themselves as suffering from long-standing

> Not that the rest of us are healthy either. In any week 4,7 per cent of the workforce will take at least one day off sick. Nearly a third of our womenfolk (30 per cent) have oone of their own teeth, and only half have all their natural teeth despite the fact that women are more conscientious than men

In spite of the improvement of pensioners' position "there are still many pensioners who have low incomes compared with people now in work", the report was 7.1. up from 6.5 in 1976, and though there are fewer

the adult population have been schemes has doubled since

Better housing

is unfit for habitation, lacking

aged 50 and over.

Expenditure per pupil has increased to £735 a year at primary schools and £1,025 at allocated to an occupational

group, mostly because they had ingly a long-term problem. A quarter of unemployed claimants have been without a job for

more than two years.

Benefit changes

ates. For a married couple with four dependent children an increase in earnings from £60 to £135 would not materially affect their spending power because of the increase in income tax and withdrawal of means-tested benefits.

Social Trends 16. (Stationery Office, available from government bookshops and booksellers; £19.95). Tomorrow: Transport, housing

Increase in over 85s

In fact, all round fewer people are dying. 645,000 in 1984 compared with 659,000 in 1983. The average expectation of life at birth is 69.8 years for males, and 75.2 for fewer less than 1985. and 76.2 for females.

The number has grown by more than two million since 1961 and we face a dramatic increase in the number aged 85

pensioners have incomes higher than the poorest 10 per cent of workers' families, and as a group their real incomes have almost tripled since the 1950s.

But they may be lonely;
almost half those aged 75 or

More drug addicts

about visiting the dentist. The average number of prescriptions per person in 1984 smokers, there are more drug addicts, and an increase in the notifications of sexually-transmitted disease.

their holidays abroad, 16 The proportion of the popu-million in 1984. Two thirds of lation covered by private health

Housing standards are generally much improved, but about 11 per cent of the housing stock basic amenities or in need of

essential repairs.
The total of dwellings exceeds the number of households by more than a million, and fewer than 2 per cent of households lack a fixed bath and less than 1.5 per cent the exclusive use of a lavatory.

School spending

In 1984, 70 per cent of the population aged 25 to 29 held an educational qualification compared with only 39 per cen

secondary schools.

But a third of unemployed males and two-fifths of unem ployed females could not be

Unemployment is increase

The unemployed are also worse off Changes in the benefit system and bousing costs have helped to increase by nearly a third the proportion whose incomes were less than half what they would have carned if they had been in work The poverty trap still oper-

> such cases and we will promulgate a land law," he said but did not disclose what the proposed land law would involve nor did be say whether the new tax



A well-wisher giving roses to the former Thai Prime Minister, General Kriangsak, as his trial opens in Bangkok.

Former Thai Premier goes on trial accused of coup plot From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

convicted, they face the death

penalty or life imprisonment.
The man accused of being

the chief organizer of the plot, former Colonel Manoon Roopkrachorn, was not in court.

On the day of the attempted coup

he was permitted to escape from

Thailand in return, it was said, for sparing the life of Air Chief Marshal Praphan. He is now

somewhere in Europe. Air Chief Marshal Praphan

told the court he was taken

The Thai Air Force com-mander-in-chief told a packed court here yesterday that the supreme commander, former deputy surpreme commander Krasae Intharathat; suspended former Prime Minister General Kriangsak Chomanand, and four former senior officers were deputy supreme commander Arun Promthep; former deputy Army chief Yes Thephasdin; involved in the failed coup in September which left at least five people dead and 60 and 35 junior officers and noncommissioned officers.

All have pleaded not guilty, If

Air Chief Marshal Praphan Dhupatemiya was the first witness at the trial of

Dhupateniya was the first witness at the trial of 40 military men accused of plotting to overthrow the Government.

Air Chief Marshal Prapham said that during the coup attempt on September 9 General Kriangsak had drafted a message to the present Prime Minister General Prem Tipeulanonda, then visiting Tinsulanonda, then visiting Indonesia, telling him not to come back.

The defendants include General Kriangsak; General Serm Na Nakhon, a former

Sikh youth on Punjab

> rampage From Kuldip Nayar Delhi

One person was killed and or, lakh rupees (£30,000) looted by Sikh-youth at Taran in Punjab yesterday as tension gripped the state, after the arrest of 42 members of the All India Sikh Students' Federation in

bid to curb rising violence. Mr S. B. Chavan, India's Home Minister, has again alleged that the Punjab Government is lenient with extremists. programme on Tuesday night. Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, the Punjab Chief Minister, has reiterated that his Government is taking stringent measures against extremists wbo, he said, were being trained across the border. He has also announced a liberal rehabilitation scheme for those Sikh soldiers who descried the Army after hearing about the military operation io the Golden Temple at Amritsar Io three districts - Jalandhar Kapurthala and Bhatinda - all educational institutions are to remain closed for the next three

banned motorized between 6 pm and 6 am. motorized traffic These measures have apparently been taken in view of a road blockade which the students' federation has announced for tomorrow. The Punjab Government has announced it will not allow any

days. Kapurthala has also

stoppage of traffic. Second chance for TV chief

Warsaw. - Polish Prime Minister Bigniew Messner, has refused to accept the resignation of a television executive responsible for spoiling the new year address of General Jaruzelski. The official press said that Mr Messner had decided to give the director-general, Mr Alek-

from his home at 3 am by troops, but the generals had said armed Air Force men to rebel The trial, which is expected headquarters, where he met General Serm and Colonel to last more than a Manooo. They were issuing continue tomorrow.

orders, speaking on telephones

and reading documents.
When General Kriangsak

arrived, General Serm asked

him to draft the message to General Prem in Jakarta.

Air Chief Marshal Praphan

said he discovered that the rebel leaders were planning to close Bangkok international airport,

but they cancelled that order

when he pointed out it would

He also told them he would not allow the Air Force to be

used against the Government.

General Serm had said "Quite

right" and General Kriangsak

When things began to go wrong for the rebles, Colonel Manoon came in demanding

the use of aircraft against loyal

to last more than a year, will

Press magnate challenges Paris

damage the economy.

Man in the French news

France. that the centre-right majority in

prevent further expansion of the weekend when he announced he

Hersant: immunity from French law

to 26 per cent, and giving him a virtual monopoly of the press in the Lyons area, the second

protested that the takeover was against the law and that M hack in a front-page editorial in Le Figaro accusing the Government of being ready to hand over the means of mass communication to foreigners television channel to a Franco-Italian group, while trying to from rescuing newspapers
"Sometimes, in order not to

law," he proclaimed.

M Hersant's life. navy captain, M Hersant, aged 65, started in journalism at the

Kampala crackdown on reporting Kampala (AFP) - Uganda's military anthorities have enacted stringent curbs on the

foreign correspondents based in Kampala to clear any articles on security matters with a new censorship board.

Members of the Press Security Committee said that

all poblications or special correspondents in Kampala would have to disclose their sources of information to the committee "whenever asked to The restrictions come after numerous reports in the local

government soldiers had been involved in widespread looting and killing of civilians.

The new board said that

journalists planning to visit militarized zones must first

From Diana Geddes

Paris Government announced a series of legal measures designed to block the take-over of one of the most important French provincial newspaper groups by M Robert Hersant, the right-wing press magnate who already possesses the higgest newspaper Empire in

It seems unlikely, bowever that the Government will be of European Parliament and enjoys complete immunity from prosecution under French law. could ask the European Parliament to lift that immunity, but it is hy no means certain

Strasbourg would agree. The procedure would be unlikely to be completed before the French elections in March when the right is expected to return to power. The two main opposition parties have pledged to repeal all legislation "restricting the liberty of the press". ncluding the new anni-trust law voted by the Socialist Govern-

ment in October, 1984. Under that law, aimed specifically at M Hersant, no one person or group may own more than 10 per cent of notably the granting of the national daily newspaper sales licence for France's first private and the same proportion of Hersant owns 38 per cent of the prevent honest Frenchmen national daily press, including the leading national morning paper Le Figaro, and 19 per cent of the provincial daily press. However, the Constitutional Council ruled that the law could not be applied

retroactively. It was confidently assumed that the new law would at least Hersani empire. But not at all: M Hersant showed his complete contempt for this law at the had taken over the eight titles of sandr Perczynski, an official the Progress de Lyon group, 65, started in journalism at the reprimand for his part in thereby increasing his share of age of 16. At the same time, he ruining the sound the total provincial press sales

biggest conglomeration after

The Government impotently Hersant would be prosecuted. Undaunted, M Hersant lashed

be behind in a war, it is necessary to be in advance of a li is not simply the size of M Hersant's empire that inspires both fear and fascination among his fellow-countrymen, hut also the fact that he uses his power to exercise political power.

the two dominating passions of Born the son of a merchant

Politics and the press have been

becoming an active member of the Socialist Youth during the Popular Front Government of During the war, he appeared to change political tack by becoming the founding member of an ultra-nationalist, anti-Jewish youth group in Nazi-

occupied Paris - a step which has haunted him ever since, but

which he has never sought to explain. In 1947 he was

sentenced by a Liberation Court to 10 years of "national indignity" for his wartime activities, but was granted an amnesty five years later. After trying unsuccessfully to stand for Parliament in 1945. before the passing of the sentence. M Hersant threw

himself into the husiness of building up a press empire. His tactics then and now were the same: he would buy up small titles in financial difficult ies, introduce radical changes in management, technology and personnel, and turn them into

successful enterprises. That, he said, was primarily interested him. However, he did not hesitate to use the columns of his papers to pursue his political career. First elected to Parliament in 1956 on a Social Democratic ticket. he gradually shifted to the right, hut never actually joined General de Gaulle's RPF party. nor its successor, the RPR. After 22 years in Parliament, be was defeated by a Gaullist in 1978, but is standing again in

the coming elections as a centreright candidate. The Hersant empire now includes 20 daily newspapers, and a further 20 periodicals; 30 local radio stations; a press agency: an advertising agency: a national network of print works (Le Figaro is the only national daily to be sold throughout the country on the day of publication); and he has announced plans to huy one of the three state-owned television stations as soon as the right comes to

China tries to boost grain harvest with restrictions on land use

From Mary Lee Peking

Chinese peasants and rural authorities who turn land designated for grain to other uses will be penalized, an official said yesterday. Mr Li Jinghua, sookesman of

the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fish-eries, said that grain acreage had fallen from 80 per cent of the total area of sown land in 1980 to 75.6 per cent in 1985 - an important factor behind the 7 per cent drop in total grain harvested last year. "A lot of bouses and factories have been built on crop land, so we are going to introduce some regulations to collect taxes in

regulations would be retro-

the north for the estimated 27 million-ton drop in grain output ances for grain producers as to about 380 million tons last well as reducing contract proyear. However, the abolition of duction, thereby freeing more quotas for grain production and relaxation of price controls for agricultural produce in 1985 also prompted farmers to grow cash crops or turo low-lying maintained at 110 million land into fishponds, he said.

Peasants also felt they could

earn more money by undertak-

ing sideline occupations or working for industry and their enthusiasm for growing food crops was further dampened, he said. Mr Li emphasized, bowever, that state stocks were adequate and farmers had grains in store.

The market prices for grains would remain steady as supply was guaranteed.

variety of subsidies and allowgrain for sale at higher prices in the markets. During the 1986-90 plan, he

hectares. Mr Li reflected the confusion said to be affecting reform of the rural sector when he was asked what the next step in the reform programme would involve.

Earlier Chinese press reports

had quoted Mr Zhao Ziyang.

the Prime Minister, as saying

said, grain acreage would be

that 1986 would be spent making necessary preparations for the next step. Mr Li, said: "We have not In addition to introducing thought out the next stage yet penalties for illegal conversion because the 1985 reforms of grain acreage to building (abolition of quotas and relaxland, Mr Li outlined various ation of price controls) have not measures to enhance further been fully carried out and these

El Salvador off limits for the peace fleet

privatization plans.

Managua (AP) - Immigration authorities stopped inter-national peace marchers from going to El Salvador in small boats, a member of the march said yesterday.

Lynette Thorstensen, one of the marchers, said that the peace marchers were told that there was concern that the Salvadorean might consider it a provocation by the left-wing Government of Nicaragua if the boats here allowed to cross the Gulf of

Between 85 and 100 marchers

left on Monday for Potosi a

Nicaraguan port, and had planned to take small boats across the Gulf, shared by Nicaragua, Honduras and El Salvador, yesterday to the Salvadorean Port of La Union. After rightwing protests against the marchers in Costa

Fonseca.

Rica in December, officials of El Salvador, Honduras and nousing. He also blamed the drought farmers' enthusiasm for grain might take up the whole of the Guatemala said they would not wealth in southern China and floods in production. These include a 1986-90 period."

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Black pupils in confusion over ruling to end school boycott

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

schools throughout South Africa yesterday, uncertain whether to return to classes of heed a call by militant organizations to keep up their boycott for a further three weeks.

In Jabulani, a district of Soweto, youngsters who tried to re-enter school premises were attacked by others trying to January 28. maintain the boycott.

The mass confus ion has arisen over a resolution passed at a conference of 160 black organizations II days ago urging pupils and students to end their boycotts, which in some parts of the country have lasted nearly three years, but also calling on the Government to postpone the reopening date Order, from yesterday until January staying

The resolution, organized by the Soweto Parents Crisis Friday. Committee, said the posipone-Committee, said the postponement was needed to communicate with blacks throughout the country and to give the authorities time to organize temporary school premises to replace those damaged and destroyed during months of black township unrest.

to it only on Monday, nine days radio station quoted the con-

Thousands of confused springs, east of Johannesburg. young blacks milled outside troops patrolled in armoured personnel carriers and on horseback as hundreds of youngsters headed back to

> Most pupils in Tembisa and other townships around Johan-nesburg ieft for home after a couple of hours. Many said they would resume-classes only on

 Mrs Mandela in court: Mrs Winnie Mandela yesterday turned up unexpectedly at a hearing in the Rand Supreme Court in Johannesburg to contest her latest restriction order.

Her counsel is contesting the ban issued by Mr Louis Le Grange, Minister of Law and forhidding her from staying in Soweto, where she has a home. Legal argument is expected to continue until

black township unrest. "the wilderness
The Government rejected the Cape province. the wilderness" in the Eastern

resolution, which was delivered. A report by an independent after the conference. gressmen as saying that the talks
In Tembisa township near had not been very fruitful.

Pretoria lifts race limits at white universities

From Our Correspondent, Johanneshurg

race groups without having to day: "It is a wise decision and I obtain government permission. co The move particularly affects it.

the four English-language and open" universities of the Witwatersrand (Johannesburg), the Witwatersrand, South Afri-Cape Town, Natal and Rhodes (a's biggest university, said it (Grahamstown).

sity enrolment were imposed in any form whatever.

1959 under the Extension on In 1984 a total of 198,675
University Act. It provided that students was enrolled at four

In 1983 the Act was amended and the permit system scrapped, but the Minister of National

permits are no longer needed to even if the 1983 quota system that the judges are following after the trial:" they have told was scrapped it would make no practical difference that the judges are following after the trial: "they have told someone else's will, not their the people there is nothing wrong with the White Paper." luculties or departments.

South Africa's white nniver-sities have been given per-mission to enrol students of all Town University, said yestercongratulate the Government on

Professor Karl Tober, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Racial restrictions on univer- mission policy based on race in

no hlack who was not reregistered at an established universities and at one sity at the time could be admitted without government 42,297 students at English-language and five Africanda and the sity at the time could be admitted without government 42,297 students at English-language and five Africanda and the sity an guage universities. 5.2 per cent were African, 6.4 per cent Indian and 4:1 per cent Coloured.



Mrs Winnie Mandela giving the hlack-power salnte outside the Supreme Cnurt Juhanneshurg, where she is challenging her latest banning order.

Ex-general jailed on subversion charges

Proclaiming his innocence and claiming that his imprisonment and five-month trial were engineered by Indonesian intelligence authorities, retired General H R Dharsono has been jailed for 10 years on

subversion charges.

As the judges read the sentence in Jakarta's central

district court room, Dharsono, aged 60, leapt to his feet and shouted; "I appeal."

The crowd, pushing aside benches, surged to the front of the courtroom yelling "long live Dharsono", with the chant rising to a roar, and some yelling "Down with the judges." yelling "Down with the judges".

Shouting to make himself have inflamed them to take heard above the uproar, Dhar-violent action against the state.

former ambassador to Thailand and Cambodia, and Chief of Staff of the powerful Siliwangi division which helped hring President Suharto to power, said: "I am innocent."

demanded 15 years, and has also appealed against the sen-tence, said that Dharsono tried to undermine the authority of the state on two primary

The first was that he had helped draft, and together with 22 others, signed and dissemi-nated a White Paper calling for an independent inquiry into the deaths of at least 30 people, killed when troops opened fire on Muslim rioters in Jakarta's Port district in September, 1984. The second was that he addressed a meeting of youths in a private house and might

Violent action against the state.

Dharsono has maintained his sono. a former Secretary-centeral of the Association of South innocence throughout the trial, East Asian Nations (Ascan), saying that he was trying to one-time attache at the Indone-direct discontent, after the riots, through constitutional Chan-

The judges said although the Government found the White Paper acceptable and "within bounds", Dharsono had made it "operational" and violence had

but the Minister of National Education was empowered to impose racial quotas and to limit the admission of hlacks to certain fields of study.

The four English-language universities have now been informed by the Ministry of Education and culture in the white House of Assembly that permits are no longer needed to

Report told of nuclear plant risks

New York (NYT) - The Nuclear Regulatory Commission said last September that com-pliance with safety regulations was "marginal" at a Sequoyah Fuels Corporation plant in Oklahoma and expressed con-cern over the potential for precisely the type of accident that occurred there last Saturday, killing one worker and sending dozens to the hospital.

In a safety evaluation report, the agency also reviewed 15 safety violations since 1978 and added that, while none were severe, "the total number of violations is excessive and the presence of repeated problems indicates a lack of management oversight" at the plant, a subsidiary of the Kerr-McGee Corporation.

A Kerr-McGee spokesman disputed those conclusions on Tuesday. "Obviously, we dis-agree." said Mr Richard Pereles, director of Corpor ate

'Fifth force' theory

Galileo and Einstein findings challenged by new research From John Noble Winford. New York Times. New York

duced results challenging both presumably something called the findings of Galileo that all hypercharge, which acts on falling bodies accelerate at the objects of different composame rate, and a fundamental sitions in ways to cause them to element of Einstein's general accelerate at slightly different. Theory of Relativity. This has rates, including the sitions to express that

in physics and cosmology if the cosmology."
results are substantiated by Dr Fischbach, a professor of further experiments. Those who physics at Purdue University in had examined the report said it. Indiana, is a visiting professor appeared to be based on sound this year at the Institute of

the principle of equivlence that Szafer and Carrick Talmadge of stemmed from Galileo's work. Purdue, and S. H. Aronson of scientists said the hypothesized the Rookhaven National Labnew force, called the hyper- oratory at Upton, NY.

charge, was so weak and local Dr Robert Dicke, a Princeton ing his general that, if it did exist, it would not University physicist and auth-relativity in 1916.

and weak forces governing is right. It s extremely importance to the analysis suggests that contrary to Galileo's assertion, a feather would fall faster than a coin if dropped from the same height in a vacuum. This is because, in the

ied physicists to suspect that Dr Ephraim Fischbach, the there may be a fifth previously leader of the team of scientists von Eotvos, 2 Hungarian unicentified force at work in the who made the study. said: "When you see something as Scientists said the new study. fundamental as a new force, it's in 1922, published this week in *Physical* likely to change many things. The Review Letters, could have a We will have to rethink many profound influence on thinking views of particle physics and

Nuclear Theory at the Univer-Even though the new findings sity of Washington in Seattle. seemed to undermine a basic The other authors of the report assumption made by Einstein, are Daniel Sudarsky. Aaron

that, if it did exist, it would not conversity physicist and authfundamentally after Einstein's ority on Einstein's theories,
principles as the basic tool of said: One has to be somewhat
modern cosmology. The other careful when you're dealing
known forces are electromagnetism, gravity, and the strong tally revolutionary. But if this
and weak forces governing is right, it's extremely importnuclear structure.

The new analysis suggests

A new analysis of early 20th- new thinking gravity is not the the forces, except possibly century experiments has pro- only force at work; there is also gravity, as different manifestations of one general force. These concepts are called Grand Unified Theories, or

Dr Fisehhach and his team re-examined data from experiments conducted by Roland scientist, over a period of more than two decades and reported

The experiments, involving the suspension of objects of different composition and mass from a torsion balance, apobservation in the early 17th century.

Newton relied on Galileo's work in formulating his theory of gravity in the late 17th century, and Einstein, re-inforced by the Hungarian and Einstein, reexperiments, also made the assumption that all bodies full at the same rate in a uniform gravitational field in enunciat-

However, according to Dr Fischbach, even the Hungarian experimenters noted some discrepancies in their results nut chose to ignore them as being statistically insignificant. On detailed examination, Dr Fis-ehbach found the discrepancies in the group's "raw" experimental data to be large enough to suggest that some other force besides gravity, might be acting on the booles.

Fundamentalist upsurge in Egypt

Sinai killer hailed as a martyr

A day after a former Egyptian President Sadat who was gun-police officer. Sergeant Sulei-med down by Muslim extremists | Newspapers in several in 1981. | Sergeant Sulei-med down by Muslim extremists | Newspapers in several countries | hailed | Sergeant Sulei-

in a Cairo prison hospital. Sergeant Khater was hailed as students at Zagazig University a hero and marryr by several in the Nile delta brought out members of Egypt's opposition black flags and shouted death parties. In Cairo, Mr Khalid threats against President Mubak, wing National Progressive Sergeant Kltater, who was Unionist Party, called for an sentenced last month to life investigation

imprisonment with hard labour The official version is that for murdering seven Israeli Sergeant Khater was found tourists, including four children, at his border post in Sinai hospital room window on in October, was doing correspondence courses at Zagazig, about 50 miles south of Cairo.

Police sealed off the campus he died of suffocation and ruled but did not intervene when that it was suicide. He was

but did not intervene when that it was suicide. He was students chanted "Mubarak will being treated for bilharzia, a village has been sealed the other one". reference to unaware that his client suffered demonstrations there.

Newspapers in several Arab countries hailed Sergean: Khater as a martyr and hero of Sinai, accusing the Egyptian Government of assasinating him Some moots said the him. Some reports said the Mossad, Israel's secret service. was responsible. Later the official Cairo radio dismissed these claims as a "torrent of lies", adding that Sergeant Khater was an ordinary Egyptian who had committed an ordinary crime, was punished for it but decided to take his own life.

Sergeant Khater will be buried in his home village of Akvad, near Zagazig. The village has been sealed off since Tuesday night and there have been reports of anti-government

Warning over protests

Haiti priests foster defiance

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On New Year's Day, President-for-life Jean-Claude Duvaher drove from the palace into the teeming streets of Port-au-Prince tossing money to the poor from the window of his limousine.

The night before, he had fired his closest advisers and prom-ised a new dawn of economic

He first made that pledge 15 years ago, yet Haiti remains as his father, Pappa Doc Duvalier, lest it to him - the poorest nation in the Western hemisphere with an annual average income of only £200.

For a growing number of its 5.5 million people. Baby Doc's new year gesture was a sure sign that the more things change in the Duvalier Government, the more they remain the same. The dynasty has ruled Haiti like a personal fieldom since

1957, Papa Doc used a sinister blend of voodoo and violence to keep the population in awe of him. His son's pledge of liberalization remains only a word", sayd Mr Gerard Gourgues, president of the Haitian League for Human Rights.

Political parties were legalized last year, but they must first recognize Mr Duvalier's lifetime presidency before they can take part in elections due in

As the economic situation grew worse, with a diesel fuel shortage making life even less viable in the countryside, antigovernment demonstrations ing "down with the President" used to roupted six weeks ago. "The have also been shouting "long power".

Operation for Domingo

Doctors said after operating

last night on Placidn Domingo

for a double hernix that it

would probably be six weeks

before the opera star could sing again (Richard Wigg writes).

He was to be given a local anaesthetic by spinal injection

so as not to risk affecting the

vocal chords, doctors at the

Dexens Clinic in Barcelona

explained.
"Anyone who forces the



Jean-Claude Duvalier: liberalization pledge.

people have awakened", said Mr Constant de Pognon, leader of the small National Demo-

cratic Rallying Party.

The new mood of defiance is largely due to the work of radical priests espoused to a theology of liberation. In spite of widespread belief in voodeo, \$5 per cent of Haitians are practising Roman Catholics. More than 2,000 church companies the base courses united the companies of the companies o munities have sprung up, teaching members a new political awareness of their situation.

The expulsion of three priests in October and a temporary ban on church radio broadcasts during the first demonstrations have not silenced an outspoken bishops' conference which this week endorsed a boycont of schools as part of the latest protest. Demonstrators chant-ing "down with the President"

Port-an-Prince (AFP) - The Haitian Government yesterday temporarily closed schools and universities and warned that it would "rigorously" check what it considered illegal acts, after two days of anti-Government protests that reportedly left nne

A communiqué from the Ministry of the Interior and National Defence said that the Army and civilian militia would "rigorously" repress any illegal action to "protect lives and goods". It said that "subversive elements working for underground movements" were trying to manipulate public opi nion to further their "anarchic aims", but did not elaborate.

Students on Tuesday staged strikes in several provincial cities in what informed sources said was an apparent escalation

of anti-government unrest.
One person was killed and three wounded on Monday when thousands of slum dwellers started demonstration against the Government.

live the Army" in the apparent hope of encouraging a military

So far the Army has remained loyal to the president, twice opening fire on demon-strators in the historic northern scaport of Gonaives, where independence from France was proclaimed in 1804.

The town was once Duvalier stronghold. Papa Doc used to say: "To lose it is to lose countered in exporting steel to nower".

benefits in Tehran trip

From Rasit Gurdilek Ankara

The official visit to Tehran of Mr Turgut Ozal, the Turkish Prime Minister, achieved less spectacular results than might have been expected from the agreements reached at earlier mectings with Iranian leaders, but they were substantive enough to please him.

Returning this week from the three-day visit, Mr Ozal con-firmed the announcement of his Minister of State, Mr Tinaz Titiz, who had been in Tchran a few days earlier, that the \$2.6 billion (£1.8 billion) trade volume between the two coun-

slightly more", this year. While there were no concrete and industry

A more tangible result appeared to be oil imports secured at "more favourable terms". Mr said six million tonnes would be imported from Iran this year, but he declined to elaborate on the terms. Journal ists in his entourage said Iran had agreed to make "improve-ments" on former prices in return for additional Turkish imports for re-export.

The snags Turkey had en-

Ozal sees

tries would be \$3 billion, "or

deals to show off between the Tukish businessmen who accompanied him and their Iranian colleagues, Mr Ozal promised closer cooperation in contracting

Marcos supporter's aide shot dead

The presidential election in he Philippines claimed its first victim yesterday - the chauffeur-bodyguard of a prominent husiness supporter of President

It was a political assassinauon - and a case of mistaken identity - police said after Mr Rodolfo Arcete, aged 32, died from gunshot wounds in the

He was killed because he was carrying the briefcase of his stevedore or npera singer, is employer, Mr Marceln Farinas, stevedore or npera singer, is libable to a bernia," nne of the campaigning for the return of

From Paul Routledge, Manila President Marcos in the election Marcos's traditional supporters

on February 7. The unidentified gunman struck in broad daylight on Recto Street in Manila, and fled after opening fire on Mr Farinas's driver as he got into the car. Mr Farinas, jolted by the noise of gunfire, fell down

He is secretary of a group Although police declined to calling itself United Ilocano, named after the "deep north" marks of the work of the hithome province of the President, and-run assassination squads of and established to convinced the communist New People's metropolitan doubters that Mr Army.

are still behind him. Mr Farinas insisted that the attack could only have been politically motivated. "It was very sad because we are campaigning in a very clean way," he said. The killing is being counted

the stairs of a nearby building as the first of the election, but it while leaving a political meeting will certainly not be the last.

"Its closely observed portrayal of what goes on in the corridors of power has given me hours of pure joy."

MARGARET THATCHER SPEAKING ABOUT IVES MINISTER IN THE DAILY TELEGRAPH.

There are even more hours of pure joy in store for the Prime Minister and, indeed, all of us. The new series, now entitled 'Yes, Prime Minister', begins tonight at 9.00pm on BBC2.

have not been invoked. The Administration has re-

Muted reaction to

call for boycott

By Our Foreign Staff Italy is seeking an urgent • FEZ: At an Islamic confer-

citizens to leave Libya, and the total has fallen sharply from

more than 8,000 in 1979. A

• NICOSIA: The Iranian president, Mr Ali Khamenei,

has told Colonel Gadaffi that

his government will consider

any attack against Libya an attack against itself.

He reiterated his govern-

ment's stand that "Any measure

against the brother Libyan

nation is a measure against the

• JERUSALEM: Israel wel-

Islamic Republic."

European countries.

crude, Imperialist pressure."

US fury as EEC jibs at sanctions

the Reagan sanctions by telling

Mr Lantos that Europe would

consider any measures necess-

ary" to combat terrorism. The

Netherlands has just taken over

the presidency of the EEC Council of Ministers.

Speaking on behalf of the council, Mr van den Broek said

sanctions were not the only

response to terrorism, and to

link the issue with unrelated

matters such as trade between

unacceptable

America and Europe was

for an emergency meeting of the EEC Foreign Policy Committee.

A group of Community Middle

Italy and Greece have called

Mr Hans van den Broek, the East experts met yesterday in Dutch Foreign Minister, gave Brussels to advise the Dutch

the first official EEC response to presidency on this

to an armed aggression."

who ignored his immediate order to leave. "Those who violate these orders should know they will be subject to used the Act to take measures appropriate penalties nn their return to the United States," he against other countries - in

That could include up in to years imprisonment and a fine of \$50,000, the White House confirmed yesterday. Mr Larry Speakes, the President's spokesman, admitted the penalties were stiff, but said the Administration was "certainly prepared Tehran.

to prosecute" if necessary.
The Americans, now numbering between 1,000 and bering between 1,000 and 1,5000, including dependents, would be charged under the International Emergency Economic Pnwers Act, the law invoked by President Reagan in signing his Executive Order against Libya. This Act allowed number of those still remaining him in declare that Libya's are married to Libyans. Many

Vienna airports.

Signor Giulio Andreotti, the

Foreign Minister, said in a letter

10 the current Dutch chairman

that the Twelve should ascer-

tain "the responsibility and

connivance that certain countries might have with terror-

He said Italy would be guided

by EEC policy rather than take

action on its own on sanctions.

Libya is one of its main trading

cussed with President Mubarak

of Egypt when the Prime Minister, Signor Bettino Craxi,

BONN: West Germany said

it understood President Rea-

gan's punitive measures, but

ruled out any economic sanc-

tions, regardless of who imposes

desired result and have often produced the opposite effect,"

MADRID: Spain also indi-

cated its opposition to sanctions, even though it has not been among the countries approached by Washington. "We do not think this is a good way of proceeding," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

Spain is deeply worried that any move seging Libra will

From Richard Owen

Brussels

American anger at Europe's reluctance to join in President

Reagan's sauctions against

Libya boiled over yesterday as a

leading congressman accused the EEC of appearing terrorists

and warned it that the US could

retaliate by taking protectionist action in trade with Europe.

between a congressional del-cation and Euro-MPs, Mr Tom Lantos (Democrat, California) said that if Europe refused to

agree on a joint programme of

sanctions it could not expect

"American goodwill in resolv-ing current US-European trade frictions".

At a meeting in Dublin

"Experience shows that sanc-

have never had the

The tensions will be dis-

partners in the Arab world.

visits Cairo on Tuesday.

lions of its own.

said a spokesman.

From Michael Binyon, Washington President Reagan has threat- and extraordinary threat" to important technical or advisory ened unprecedented penalties United States national security role in the Libyan oil industry for those Americans in Libya and foreign policy, and he and economy, and have no jobs who ignored his immediate declared a "national emerg- to return to in the United ency" to deal with it.

Mr Reagan has already twice

One problem in trying to enforce the order to leave is that Colonel Gadaffi has been imposing trade sanctions against Nicaragua, and in allowing Americans in without requiring or stamping their passports. It is the use of an nrdering limited sanctions against South Africa. President American passport to a county for which it is declared invalid that is the technical offence Carter also used it when he nrdered sanctinns against Iran and froze Iranian assets in the under which Americans could United States after the Ameribe prosecuted. Such declarcan hostages were seized in ations have been used in the past to ban travel to North Vietnam, North Korea and But in these previous cases penalties against Americans remaining in those countries

Justice Department sources, however, yesterday said that any Americans refusing to leave peatedly urged United States or travelling to Libya without a passport would be charged with attempting to circumvent the President's executive order. Only journalists visiting Libya

Washington pressure 🍇 on Britain

By Nicholas Ashford Diplomatic Correspondent

meeting of European Com-munity fireign ministers in take a common stand on President ence, the Libyan Foreign Minis-ter, Mr Ali Treiki, said the US embargo would not force it to Mr Charles Price, the US Ambassador in London, called on Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday to deliver a message from Presi-Reagan's call for sanctions change policies, but that Ameriagainst Libya and on his cans who wanted to leave the allegations of Libyan complicity country would face no probin the attacks at Rome and lems. dent Reagan urging Americas allies to impose economic sanctions against Libya. "If the Americans want to leave, there will be no prob-lcm," he said, "Wc will give them all facilities. But I'm sure Britain introduced a number

of restrictions after the shooting they want to stay. They have of a policeman outside the good jobs. We are happy wiht Libyan People's Bureau in April 1984, but this time Sir "This is an action against international law. It is not going to make us change our line." Geoffrey refused to join a

sanctions campaign.
The ambassador's visit, made at his own request, followed Tuesday night's announcement by President Reagan of wideranging economic sanctions against Libya. The president also ordered 1,500 American workers to leave Libva immediately or face criminal charges.

Sir Geoffrey explained the Britain does not believe economic sanctions are an effective way of achieving political

comed the call for sanctions, British officials pointed out but says it believes they cannot be effective unless European that Mrs Thatcher's Governcountries can be persuaded to ment had taken a stand in opposing economic sanctions against South Africa on the apply them. It estimates that 90 per cent of Libya's income ground that they would not work. The same applied to comes from oil exports, of which 75 per cent is bought by sanctions against Libya.

Britain, in fact, imposed the MOSCOW: A senior Kremultimate political sanction official restated Soviet against Libya when it severed diplomatic relations after the shooting of WPC Yvonne support for Libya as the officialmedia maintained a fierce shooting barrage of criticism of the Fletcher. Reagan Administration's band-

Ministry spokesman said.

Spain is deeply worried that any move against Libya will only benefit Arah fundamentalist elements in North Africa.

CANBERRA: The Australian Foreign Minister, Mr Bill Hayden, said Australia probably would join the US sanctions because of its own voluerability to guerrilla At the same time Britain banned the sale of all defence equipment to Libya, stopped medium-term and long-term credit cover through the Export Credits Guarantee Department, and tightened restrictions on the immigration of Libyans into Britain.

It also warned Britons working in Libya that Britain could Exporting Countries (Opec), it no longer be responsible for their protection and urged them every respect against such He said a decision would be made hy Cabinet later this month and said he would not described President Reagan's Britons in Libya has declined

rule out the possibility of sanctions as "clearing the way from about 9,000 to about

Mr Lantos, who sits on the

House of Representatives. Foreign Affairs Committee, stressed that Mr Reagan had

strong bipartisan support: "You

have to understand that cmo-

tion in Congress is such that if we see our European colleagues

not acting in concert with ns we

will remember what you have

He deplored the "European

tendency toward appeasement of terrorits attacks", and said

the very least the Europeans

could do was to avoid filling the

gap left by American with-drawal from trade with Libya.

latest in a series of atrocities

which have shocked the con-

number of his victims increased

Many others from around the

bring Abu Nidal and other terrorists to justice. But these

murderers could not carry out

their crimes without the sanctu-

ary and support provided by regimes such as Colonet Gadaf-fi's in Libya. Gadaffi's long-standing in-

volvement in terrorism is well-

We shall make every effort to

world were wounded.

failed to do".



Passengers checking in luggage at Frankfurt airport watched by an armed policeman.

Britain third in export stakes

Italy leads in Tripoli's market

Libya is one of Britain's smaller trading partners, despite its oil wealth. For several other countries, notably Italy with whom Libya has longstanding connections, it is a sizeable lopsided structure of trade with contracts.

Libya – whose exports are But they have instead won almost wholly oil – and the half the consultancy contracts preference Libya has shown to for the hig civil engineering preference Libya has shown to market, but sanctions against Libya are unlikely to deprive any country of cricial export opportunites. In 1984, the last year for

Mediterranean suppliers. ... which complete figures are So in 1984 Italy topped the list of both exporters to, and available, British exports to importers from, Libya: - the respective figures being \$1.83 hillion (£1.2 billion) and \$2.53 Libya totalled £246.5 million, making the Arah country only the 31st biggest British market. Imports from Libya during the billion. France, Spain, Yugoslavia and Turkey were all in the top dozen of Libya's trade same year came to just over £155 million, which ranked Lihya 28 in the list of suppliers

Libyan oil sales

(thousand metric tonnes first 6 months, 1985

France W Germany

For most of the past decade theless, was the third higgest the United Kingdom has exporter to Libya. Unlike the suffered a trade deficit with leaders, Italy and Germany, and Libya, the exceptional years other suppliers such as France being 1975, 1976 and 1982. The and Japan, British companies reasons for this pattern are the have not won big construction

projects. In some cases, the companies are British offshoots of American companies, for example the London office of Brown & Root is consultant to the Great Man-Made River

Project, which will water from underground About half of British exports partners, to Libya are macning.
The United Kingdom, never-transport equipment to Libya are machinery and

Gadaffi power hinges on oil wealth

By David Young **Energy Correspondent**

Libya pumps a million barrels a day from its oilfields and could produce more than double that if demand was to rise. It is therefore beavily dependent on oil revenue to finance its programme of industrial and social develop-

Like most members of the Organization of Petroleum has lost market share to nonmember oil producers such as Britain and Norway and, unlike some, it has stuck closely to its agreed Opec output quotas.

However, the quality of its oil, which suits the demands of European refiners, and Libya's closeness in sea voyage terms to refineries in Italy, Spain and France, and pipelines to Germany have allowed it to

maintain sales levels. Libya also has large natural

Britain takes oil worth about £250 million each year from Libya as part of normal oil trading. The exact amount in volume and in value varies as the dollar-sterling exchange rate moves and the specific gravity of the oil involved fluctuates.

Libya's daily oil exports to 36,000 barrels a day.

arrives via Spain, where there are no refineries capable of handling the heavy end of the Libyan cargoes. Britain produces some specialized lubricating oils from Lihyan oil. The remainder of Libyan crude landed in Britain either passes through coast, close to the sea border the routine refinery cycles or is with Tunisian waters. By traded-on by London-based oil contrast Tunisia, which shares traders to European customers. Imports of Libyan crude to

also rich in oil and gas, has yet Britain have remained fairly static

LIBYA'S BALANCE OF	TRADE
(millions of dollars)	

gas reserves which are being

piped to Italy under a long-term

contract and has recently made

significant discoveries off its

its other border with Algeria,

to find an oilfield of any size.

1983 1982 1981 1979 1978 7,568 8,433 8,382 6,766 . 5,311 4,601 **imports** 10.519 11,727 13,171 15,575 21,919 18,085 9,907 Exports Source: Arab-British Chamber of Commerce

> BRITISH TRADE WITH LIBYA (millions of pounds)

1984 1983 1982 1981 1980 1979 1976 1977 1976 1975 246.5 275.2 260.1 530.4 288.4 253.2 214.3 173.9 134.7 107.3

155.3 224 342.5 74.8 46.2 62.5 98 141.7 166.5 128

Text of President Reagan's Libyan speech Washington (Reuter) - Here is the full text of President States. Congress has been awareness of the economic notified of this decision. was directly responsible for the Rome and Vienna attacks.



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documented - and there is irrefutable evidence of his role in these attacks. The Rome and Vienna murders are only the latest in a series of brutal terrorist acts committed with Gadaffi's backing, Gadaffi and nther Libyan officials have publicly admitted that the Libyan Government has abet-

Exports to Libya

Imports from Libva

Source: Arab-British Chamber of Commerce

Reagan's statement imposing Gadaffi called them "heroid US sanctions on Libya: On December 27, terrorists actions". I call them criminal outrages by an ontlaw regime. By providing material support attacked Rome and Vienna international airports - the to terrorist groups which attack US citizens, Libya has engaged in armed aggression against the US under established principles science of the world. It is clear that the responsibility for these latest attacks lies squarely with of international law, just as if it had used its own armed forces. the terrorist known as Abu Nidal and his organization. The by 19; among them five Americans including Natasha Simpson, an 11-year-old girl.

We have urged repeatedly that the world community act decisively and in concert to extract from Gadaffi a high price for his support and encouragement of terrorism. The United States has already taken a series of steps to curtail most direct trade between our two countries, while encourag-ing our friends to do likewise. Terrorists, and those who harbour them, must be denied sympathy, safe haven, and

support. In light of this latest evidence of Libya's growing role in international terrorism, it is clear that steps taken so far have not been sufficient. Tougher, more comprehensive measures are required by the international community.

Accordingly, I signed today an executive order stating that the policies and actions of the Government of Libya constitute Libyan Government has abetted and supported the notorious a threat to the national security We have taken these steps after you that further steps will be Abu Nidal terrorist group which and foreign policy of the United much reflection, and in full taken. The state of the s

Under the authority vested in

me by the constitution and laws of the United States, I have taken measures to end virtually all direct economic activities between the United States or US nationals and Libya. These measures, some of which take effect immediately, and others no later than February 1, impose a total ban on direct import and export trade with Libya, except for humanitarian purposes. They prohibit commercial contracts and other transactions with Libya including travel-related activities other than those needed for journalism or to carry out this

I call on all Americans in Libya to leave immediately. Those who violate these orders should know that they will be subject to appropriate penalties upon their return to the US. Let the Government of Libya understand that it is fully responsible for the welfare of those Americans still in Libya and that Libya will be held accountable for any attenue to accountable for any attempt to harm them or restrict their freedom to depart,

Our differences are not with the people of Libya, but with Colonel Gadaffi and his regime.

consequences which the United States stands to incur as a result. Civilized nations cannot continue to tolerate, in the name of material gain and selfinterest, the murder of inno-

Gadaffi deserves to be treated as a pariah in the world community. We call on our friends in Western Europe and elsewhere to join with us in isolating him. Americans will not understand other nations moving into Libya to take commercial advantage of our departure. We will consult with all our key allies to pursue the goal of broader co-operation. Italy's Prime Minister Craxi.

in whose country one of the recent attacks occurred properly only of coping with terrorists, but identifying those states that guarantee terrorists protec-tion and the possibility to arm and erganize themselves to carry but their bloody raids." Gadaff's Libya is such a nation, and we call upon other nations to join us in denying it the normal economic and diplo-matic privileges of the civilized

the Second World War. Technically, the money— DMS million (£1.4 million)— will be paid by Feldmuhle Nobel, the name given to the group by the Deutsche Bank which temporarily acquired it recently. But there is little doubt that it is a belated act of recently by Flick in response just before Christmas. The matter would probably have rested, but it came alive again this week as a result of days of uproar caused by a remark by Herr Hermann Feliner, aged 35, a Bonn NP from Herr Franz Josef Strauss's Christian Social Union, the right-wing of the reparation by Flick in response to renewed pressure for justice to be shown to the group's old An explanation less connec-ted with humanitarianism is that a new controversy about governing coalition. the lack of compensation He told a newspaper that the threatened to damage the forthcoming flotation of shares in the group, especially among American investors.

Belated act of reparation

Flick to compensate

slave labour victims

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

Flick, the West German

industrial giant, yesterday sud-denly reversed its policy of decades and agreed to pay

compensation to the survivors,

and dependents, of the slave labourers whom it used during the Second World War.

American investors.

A statement from Feldmühle said the money was being given on "bumanitarian grounds". There are thought to be only about 1,000 survivors, living in a variety of countries. The money will go to an international Jewish organization, the Conference on Jewish

the Conference on Jewish Material Claims against Ger-

many. Herr Heinz Galinksi, the

chairman of the West Berlin

ion, who had long campaigned

for Flick to pay compensation, said that the sum was not

So long as it was soley owned

by the Flick family, the firm always refused to pay. It had post-war West German law on

its side, but not, in the view of

many Germans, post-war West

German morality.

Jewish community organiza-

demands for compensation had "neither a legal nor moral basis", and that they fostered the impression "that the Jews quickly speak out when money jingles somewhere in German tills". He said the Germans had

At the end of 1985, the family

relinquished all control of Flick

and passed control to the Deutsche Bank, which will shortly turn Flick into a public

shormy min ruck into a public company owned by many shareholders. Campaigners for compensation seized on this to urge the bank to make the

payments. The bank replied by saying in effect that it could not

The issue all but disappeared

"probably" not become insensi-tive to Jewish sufferings in the war "but the Jews should no embarass us with these de-

This caused the mass circulation Bild to take the unusual slep, for it, of attacking a right wing politician - Bild's recently deceased founder, Axel Spring-er, having been dedicated to reconciliation between Ger-mans and Jews. "With his abuse of Jews, this young politician Feliner does not realise what he has started," it said. It called on Herr Strauss to give Herr Feliner "a lesson in history and morality".

Israeli MPs iostled at mosque

From Ian Murray Jerusalem

As the muezzin called from the minarets round the golden Dome of the Rock at noon yesterday five right-wing Knesset members had to be rescued from its great courtyard by the Israeli Army and police as hundreds of angry Arabs jostled punched and spat at them.

The trouble was sparked off by an unanthorized but very

deliberate visit to the Temple Mount by members of the Knesset's interior committee to check on allegations that a shrine had been put up to Palestinians killed in the Sabra and Chatila refugee camps near Beirut during the Israeli in-

vasion of Lebanon.
The five committee members Britain are about the equivalent of a small North Sea field, such as the BP Buchan field, at the Faithful of Temple Mount, that PLO flags and literature Much of the oil involved were being displayed inside the great religious site.

·Members of the committee. led by Mr Dov Shilansky, and accompanied by cameramen, met inside the walls of the sanctuary to inspect the underground caves in the south-east corner, known; as Solomon's

As they posed for photographs, which are not allowed in this holy place, a crowd of Arabs gathered round and began jostling and pushing them. According to Mr Shilansky, the muezzin then began calling out through their loud-speakers high in the minorates. speakers high in the minarets. He speaks no Arabic but says he was siven an immediate translation and that the call was not to bring the faithful to prayer but to call up support to attack

his group. The The Israeli politicians stormed back in fury to complain to the Knesset about their treatment, while the Arab crowds spilled into the streets round Temple Mount

An inquiry into the incident An inquiry into the incident has been ordered by the Police Minister, Mr Haim Bar Lev, who promised that those responsible would be punished.

Mr Shilansky, still not satisfied, now says he intends going back to Tample Mount part back to Temple Mount next Tuesday, with or without the Knesset's blessing, to find out if there are "illegal buildings".

The whole site there is run by the Walf, an Islamic religious trust which Israel allows to look after day-to-day management, even though the Knesset has passed a law annexing the old city into the state of Israel.

Moscow fails to explain summit delay From Michael Binyon Washington

President Reagan has re-ceived no explanation from the Russians for their wish to hold the next summit meeting in the autumn, rather than in June as the two sides had first agreed.

"We thought June would be a nice time to do it," he said af a nice time to do it." press conference on Monday. Mr Gorbachov had nodded in approval when he proposed that date to him. The last words of date to hum. "The last words of the General Secretary when we said goodbye was that we should keep in touch", but no new date had been set.

Mr Reagan said he had because of world.

If these steps do not end brought up the question of Gadaffi's terrorism. I promise you that further steps will be summit, giving this as a reason for mutual distrust.

Reagan's man in Cairo quits

Washington (Reuter) Nicholas Veliotes, aged 57, is to resign in April after 27 months as US Ambassador to Egypt to take a post outside government. the State Department said.

One of America's most experienced diplomats; he has a reputation for bluntness and was widely quoted as demanding that Egypt "prosecute these sons of bitches" after the hijackers of the Achille Lauro cruise liner killed an elderly American tourist.

Spy retrial plea

Oslo (AFP) - Lawyer's for Arne Treholt, the Norwegian jailed for 20 years for spying, are to challenge photographic evidence presented to show that he received cash from the KGB and to seek a retrial. The Supreme Court is hearing witnesses in preparation for an appeal

x ugoslav cure

São Tome (AFP) - Señor Pinto da Costa, aged 48, President of the Central African island state of São Tome and Principe, has been flown to Yugoslavia for treatment for a fractured skull after a bathing accident.

Kim joins up

Seoul (AP) - Mr Kim Young Sam, one of South Korea's leading dissidents, says he will join the main opposition New Korea Democratic Party, after almost six years as a political

Delicate task

Wellington (AP) - The new US Ambassador to New Zealand, Mr Paul Cleveland, aged 54, arrived, with restoring port access for US warships high on his agenda. Chilli thieves

Delhi (Reuter) - Robbers threw chilli powder into the eyes of passengers on an overnight train in central Madhya Pradesh state to steal their cash and jewellery.

Politician's plea Brussels (Reuter) - Mr Paul

Vanden Boeynants, aged 67, a former Belgian Christian Democrat Prime Minister nicknamed "the old crocodile" pleaded not guilty to tax fraud. Tea taster

Colombo, (Reuter) - Sri Lanka's Tez Board has set up a special unit to test exporsamples after reports that Tamil guerrilias have poisoned tea

Author to wed Rome (AFP) - Alberto Moravia, the Italian author is to

marry again at 78, his 31-year-old Spanish fiance, Carmen Llera, press spokesman for Milan publishers, said.

Fighter lost

Rome (AP) - A FA18 jet from the US aircraft carrier Coral Sea is believed lost at sea off Nice on a training mission.

Bare-faced

Neumanster, West Germany (AFP) - A young thief "disarmed" an elderly woman by accosting her wearing nothing but basketball shoes. His shocked victim immediately handed over her beg containing

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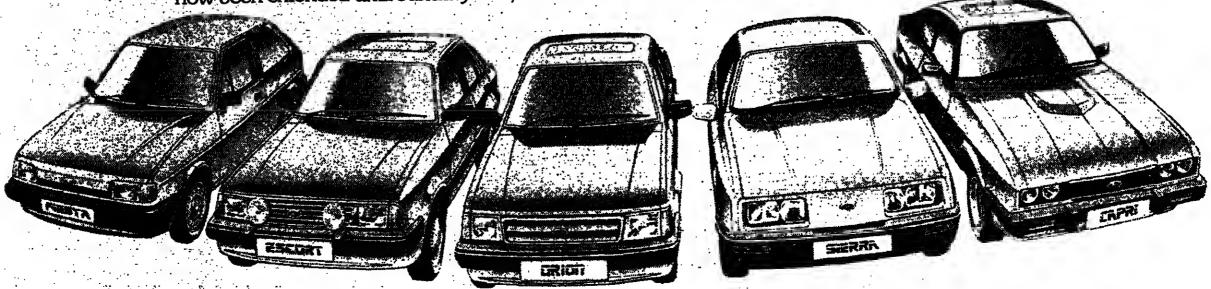
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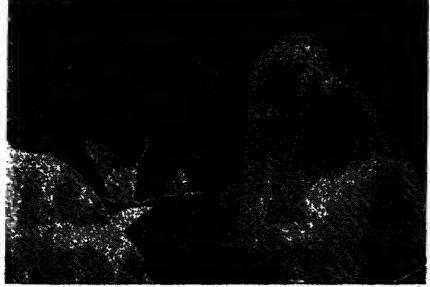
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"Bella, bella, bella": Sara Scuderi in *Tosca's Kiss*, Marc and Karen in *The Marriage*, Peter Bowles in *Lytton's Diary*

They must have known the bad weather was coming, for last night's television provided several good reasons for staying at home: review by Nicholas Shakespeare

The real life of opera (and soap opera)

After completing Falstoff, Verdi huilt a mansion in Milan to be his own memorial and to help those musicians "who were not as lucky as I". Supervising its construction he told the architect Boito "this is my finest achievement". Opened in 1902, a year after his death, Casa Verdi is now a rambling retirement home for the composers, singers and prima donnas who made up the cast of Tosca's Kiss (BBC2).

Presented by Arena - with whom it shared last year's Grand Prix at Florence - Daniel Schmid's slaw hut magical film showed how Verdi's spirit lingers on in the piano recitals. singing and reminiscences of the inmates. "I love Verdi as if he were one of the family", said the once-famnus diva Sara Scuderi who famnus diva Sara Scuderi who younger self and then, when she suddenly thought she caught his could, jining in, she was trans-

portrait smiling. "He has taken away our troubles." In paying their homage to him there were many marvellous moments: the singing by the assembled residents, of "Va pensiero" from Nabucco ("Are your legs aching?"), the oriental improvisation of a long, white-haired com-poser and the ransacking of a costume box by a singer who had retired at 57 because "I want to retire

these people. "You'll find me singing two hours after my death", said one. The most moving sequence was of Sara Scuderi walking into an empty room. On a table, on a portable record-player, turned an old record of her singing Tosca. "Que bella", she said, sitting down. Listening to her

formed from a giggling old woman with a stick into a beautiful personification of the music. "Bella, bella, bella", she whispered. "How silly of me. I almost feel like crying."

What made the film so impressive was the way Schmid presented these people without make-up, without costumes and at their own pace. The result was fifteen minutes too long, but a strong pulse had been felt, sometimes very fannily. "Entire Rome trembles at his feet", sang Scuderi in the corridor, indicating a man ohligingly slumped on the floor of the phone-box.

"A real-life soap opera" is how Desmond Wilcox trumpets his series of six documentaries. The Marriage (BBC1) follows a young Cardiff couple - chosen from 3,000 volun-

wedding and into their first year of marriage.

Marc Adams Junes is a pleasant,

honest, games-playing teacher who likes rugby, beer and women roughly in that order. He has entered into marriage instinctively, without much thought and without many shining examples. His best man is divorced. So is his father. Karen, a golden-curied nurse of 20, who becomes noticeably tougher once she has netted her man, seems to have thought things through more thoroughly.

Not so much a fly on the wall as a bug in the bed. Wilcox adopts the tone of a self-confessed Peeping Tom. At times this was offensive. Flicking through Marc's photos, "rednlent with beery, drunken sex", couple - chosen from 3,000 volun- Wilcox almost steams up with envy. teers - through their courtship and "Karen must be disgusted with this",

It is a hit of a nuisance that architectural exhibitions are

bound to seem more didactie

than any other kind, but unavoidable, since so much has of necessity to be filtered

through other people's sensi-hilities and directed by other people's ideas of revelance, failing wholesale transportation

of the huildings themselves. It is

lncky for the Arts Council's touring show dedicated to The Architecture of Adolf Loos, which is having its London

presentation at the ICA until

January 19, that, like so many

early twentieth-century figures,

Loos was talented in many

different directions, and de-

signed furniture lamps, table-

the major buildings which

However, it is in the build-

Rock

David Thomas was the vocalist

and inspirational force behind

Pere Ubu, the band from

Cleveland, Ohio, whose recordings in the late 1970s together with those of such groups as Red Crayola and the Gang of

Four represented the high-water

mark of intellectual rock 'n' roll.

Numerous personnel changes marked a succession of diver-

gently bizarre albums and, by the time Pere Ubu quit in 1982, the hard thinking had long since

Thomas, who now spends much of his time resident in Britain, embarked on a solo career and his fifth album, Monster Walks, the Winter

overtaken the hard rocking.

David Thomas

he says in the voice of one who might like to share Mare's secret - and some telephone numbers. "You were

Certainly Karen will be shocked to see what Marc got up to on his stag with friends at a fundair, Marc was blotto. Kissing girls who say "he won't be Marc when he's married". vandalizing shrubbery and finishing it all with a good vomit. Already the rocks can be seen ahead.

The Marriage was watchable in its tasteless way, but there was something off-putting about the undisclosed reasons why a couple should allow this kind of gimmicky infiltration into their lives, something disturbing, too, in the way they not so much played up to the camera, as

Galleries

colour would have been

useful, given Loos's pervading

interest in the precise shades of

stone and wood in which his buildings were finished. The

show resolves itself into de-

tailed presentations on some

solitary but fascinating except sian, demonstrating again, if

softary but inscinating excepsion of Loos's design for the any demonstration were need-thicago Tribune Tower competition of 1922, which he envisaged as a giant single but still pre-Modern style. Of Doric column perforated with innunterable regularly disposed the earlier buildings, the Karning windows. Not, Loos kept particularly tempting. But there in the particularly tempting as impractical as it at least to appropriate Loos's

insisting, as impractical as it at least, to appreciate Loos's

might seem, for all its visionary grasp of scale and his brilliance

ended up with Raymond Hood have to make the pilgrimage in a Neo-Gothie mood.

The rest of the buildings are John Russell Taylor

more firmly into focus, and Dunn, Thomas's foghorn voice appearing here as part of bellowed and warbled in the another ICA "theme season", traditionally timeless.

Six for Eighty-Six. Thomas the avant-garde performer, even affected the role of teacher, rendering a version of the Beach scrawling the methodology and Boys' "Sloop John B" into a

"My manager told me my facenously attempted to the shows were disorganised so I trate. A pattern of hazardously the obscure ventures defined by

with surface textures, one would

form entirely unsuitable for the

emerged: "I'm a tortured young

artist, pity me; let me drag you down into my sink of de-

pression", he sang with strangn-

lated passion following a disser-

tation on communing with

bones on a beach.
The elements coalesced in his

Thomas feels have been misrep

out history. "I stand for the

dinessur, he said, before lumbering off to sympathetic

resented in the media through

audience singalong which he

the same, the 1776

themes of his programme on a

organized this one good", he announced mischievously,

moving his tubby frame away from the board now bearing the legend "My Theory of Spontaneous Simultude". His hilarieus exposition of this theory.

which states that everything is

like something ("I can express this algebraically, A = B") led down paths of comic surreal thought that three oblique rays

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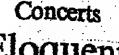
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blackboard.

The Architecture of ings that Loos's central import- mostly private houses.

heart of Lytton's Diary (ITV), which began a new series with a suicide nked via a camp florist and Whitehall to a computerized call-girl agency. Peter Bowles as the suave Lytton was a little off the peg, both in his dress and his lines ("He could have won a gold at boring for Britain"). He is not a diarist in the Tom Driberg mould, nor like Adam in Vile Bodies who is content to fill his page with pure invention (such as the rage for bottle-green bowlers or a series on "Notable Invalids"). Lytton, who has been compared elsewhere as a cross between Nigel Dempster. St Augustine and Russell of the Crimea, has much greater aims: to write a novel and to see fair play. Despite gossipy and knowing references to real people he himself

fails to breathe very deeply.



Eloquent beauties

PLG Young Artists Purcell Room

Another three thiersed ter made their bows at the beleat of the Park Lane Group on Tuesday. The merzo soprano Jenny Miller has already begun to make a career in other directions, at Glyndebourse.

Babbint's Vision and Prayer, based on the dark thoughts of Dylan Thomas, is one of those works that bring out the unfortunate expressionist aspect of his Schoenbergian inheritance, but Miss Miller did not exaggerate the macabre in it. Instead she showed how beautiful, even gracious, much of the vocal writing can sound; she also brought out well the gradual movement from heightened speech into song. The tape, meanwhile, sounded quite

Miss Miller had better support from her pianist, Nancy Cooley, in a short group of Ives songs, which benefited from being a little understand. The charm of "Ann Street" was refreshed, and that classic of childish over-excitement "The Circus Band" was all the better for having the hopes and fears a htle muted. A new unaccompanied piece by Michael Berkeley, "Père du doux repos", did not emphasize the best parts of Miss Miller's voice, but she sang it with enough musicality to put Michael Whight na his mettle in continuing the meditation companion "Flighting".

The larger part of Mr Whight's programme, in which he was sympathetically accompanied by Vanessa Latarche, displayed his undemonstrative style and his suave. ance lies. Here photographs and Vienna or Prague, and the pure tone, remarkably free from models have to stand in But the development of Loos's style, the squawks and squeals that presentation is lively, and the from the well-stuffed Schen normally beset clarinettists.

Apart from Birtwistle's Verses,
which these players aptly made
into a nocturnal pastoral, their photographs as expressive as House of 1912 to the stripped can be expected - though some and workmanlike Werkbund houses of 1931, is clearly and vividly demonstrated. Perhaps choice was from middle-of-thethe oddest of the houses is in road repertory: Martinu's Sonfact in Paris - something of an oddity in itself - and was built ata, three pieces by McCabe and a new interlocked set of for that decidedly odd bird the Bagatelies by Fricker. But there Dada poet Tristan Tzarz, it was no danger of greyness with half-dozen major buildings, looks as though it might be with skimpier information on a more at home in the Glasgow of handful more. Wisely, the Mackintosh about 20 years organizers have concentrated before its huilding date of 1925, on works actually built, with the and yet is unmistakably Loonatural musical instincts and technical control.

John Lenehan, already quite well known as a solo planist, justified a place in the concert because his duet partnership with his wife Kathryn is relatively new. Their performance of Debussy's Six Epigraphes antiques was disappointing it was an effective idea to give the monodies a halo of resonance, but other opporlungues for ethercalness were missed, notably in slightly wooden rhythms and an excess

of mezzo-forte.

In The Rite of Spring, however, their implacable momentum and physical energy were exactly right. Any dust performance of the ballet has to persuade one that this is the authentic version, and the Lenebans' did, banishing orchestral sonorities to the back of the mind and achieving the marriage of clarity and noise that only the piano can give.

Paul Griffiths

Guus Mostart has been appointed artistic director of the Netherlands Opera Touring Company, with effect from August 1, 1986. He has therefore resigned from his Glyndebourne posts as director outstanding encore piece, a of productions of Glyndebourne defence of dinosaurs, whom Touring Opera and deputy to Touring Opera and deputy to the artistic director.

> Michael Hampe, general manager of Cologue Opers, has been appointed a member of the board of directors of the



Tragedy enhanced by Kingsley's power

Othello

Barbican

The stark settings fix our attention on the players from the start. Venice is black as pitch, Cyprus hardly brighter. A brazier burns, a golden lion stares, but nothing else fur-nishes this floor of hlack rectangles outlined with lights.

The Venetian dark is split open by the brilliant white of the Moor's robes, though it is open to question the aptness of this contrast between Othello and the city. Both are civilized, their self-command may in both be a veneer; hut to ally them in grandeur gives a richer subtlety to the tragedy.

All Ben Kingsley's opening

scenes show his self-command. when still, pre-echoing the monumental alabaster, his words to the Venetians are gently mocking jests. His precis of the adventures that enchanted Desdemona is itself an enchantment, upon senators and us alike. Nothing could be further than this speech, in substance and delivery, from the "rough unvarnished tale" he calls it. That is all part of the dry humour. Kingsley's voice is . magnetie to listen to, with its cooing sweetness and calculated jumps in pitch. This Othello is acting for us. He is acting for

Before Iago's tempting begins the play is interesting - though attention wanders during some peripheral stuff. There is little of this, however, in what is one of Shakespeare's longer plays - which Terry Hands's production cuts by no more than a hundred lines. And after the icalousy is at work the tragedy is

The two principals stand virtually unmoving and nothing distracts us from the rapid, fascinating witchery of David Suchet's lago and the ever-deepening opening of Othello's soul. Kingsley does not alter his stance, and at first hardly his expression, but a cloud has almost paipahly come across him. As scene follows scene the veneer of order is stripped before our eyes.

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Revelling in chaos: Ben Kingsley, Niamh Cusack

Clutching at rhetoric to get some bearing on reality. Kingsley shows the mind overturning, overturned, and revelling in chaos.

Suchet roots his lago in his own sexual suspicions, emphasizing the few but significant references to this cause. Dapper and foul-tongued, he is that most alarming evildoer, the jesting destroyer. At the deathbed his dull words are already spoken from some barren waste of heil.

Yet more painful than when

Tasha Fairbanks's "leshian thriller" played to full houses here last November, and the Siren theatre group looks set to repeat its success over the coming fortnight. Given the coterie appeal of the piece (another way of identifying a sycophantic audience) it may sycophanic andience it may well be that the same public is returning night after night. Or maybe they are simply giving themselves extra chances of working out the plot.

Pulp is a mess, a limping mongrel bred from two halfdecent ideas which bite each other's throats out. The first idea is that of translating the tired old conventions of film noir parody into a lesbian milieu, with a trilby-wearing newspaper hack (Jude Winter) attempting to interview a Hollywood star (the sultry Jane Boston) who, ruined by the McCarthy purge and reduced to torch-singing for her supper in a crummy New York night spot, strikes up an affair with a small-town movie fan (Miss Fairbanks herself).

The company is completed by the arrival of a trenchcoated, testotal private eye (the amusing Hilary Ramsden) who Hands hrings horror on once abuse at Desdemona that is a

Niamh-Cusack is touching of course, as the young Desde-London. He is a man over-mona but by the end also thrown, not a superman, and convinces us that she is angelic. the tragedy gains therefrom. Janet Dale's Emilia returns us to the world of human responses and in the brief role

of the Clown Arnold Yarrow's

would not recognize a clue if she found one in her muesli Through some anachronistic freak, Miss Ramsden finds herself in London in 1985, where a couple of MI5 agents (at least, I think that is what Miss Winter and Miss Boston are supposed to be) are ap-proaching the end of their paranoid compromised affair. What I admire about militan homosexuals is their unabashed sexism. What I abhor in them is their inarticulacy. The themes of this piece - sexual proclivity, the mirage of glamour, personal loyalty, the nature of determinism - are treated both solemnly and frivolously: never seriously. There remains, amazingly enough, something timid about

As to Noelle Janaczewska production, with its dreadful American accents, its talentshow-standard songs, its delib-erate cinematic cliches of slow burns and frozen two-shots, one can only conclude that preach-ing to the converted will always promote laziness in the pulpi For the sisterhood, still waiting for their own Joe Orton to materialize, this is an important

Kingsley shows us the stabs of urbane tasselled Cyprint gives a jealousy are the later stabs of lift to the sort of part one must briefly recovered love. Then Mr. usually endure with effort. Hands brings horror on once Kingsley's performance has more with a scene of electrifying been undervalued in some

quarters as not showing somegrisly parody of husbandly thing deemed necessary for the concern. there is no evidence of it in-

Jeremy Kingston that his witty, eccentric half-

Dance All too rare a visitor

The Nutcracker Festival Hall

Only the presence of Elaine McDonald in the leading role drew me back to yet another Nutcracker on Tuesday. One of the best English dancers of her generation, she has been seen far too little in London since she emigrated to Glasgow, because of Arts Council red tape, which makes it extremely difficult for the Scottish Ballet to perform in England (was there ever such a stupid restriction on subsidy from national funds?). daring to speak this love's

> This is not the role one would ideally choose for her, since her exceptional dramatic gifts go for exceptional dramanc gurs so so very little apart from letting her pretend in Act I to be a child without the embarrassing implausibility that afflicted Raymond Smith as her admirer, Rarl, or even more so Kevin Richmond as his friend Hans. But it was worth sitting through that for the moment when the

tender, lyrical, radiant dancing. That was for me the evening's climax, ably seconded by Janette Muligan as a Snow of unusually clear, precise majesty. In the big pas de deux of Act II, Smith seemed.

somewhat thwarted in his solo by the inelegancies of Ronald Hynd's choreography, but gave attentive care in his partnering, and McDonald caught an aptly

nald back as guest in other ballets. What a Tatisna she would make in their Onegin!
It was quite a surprise to see

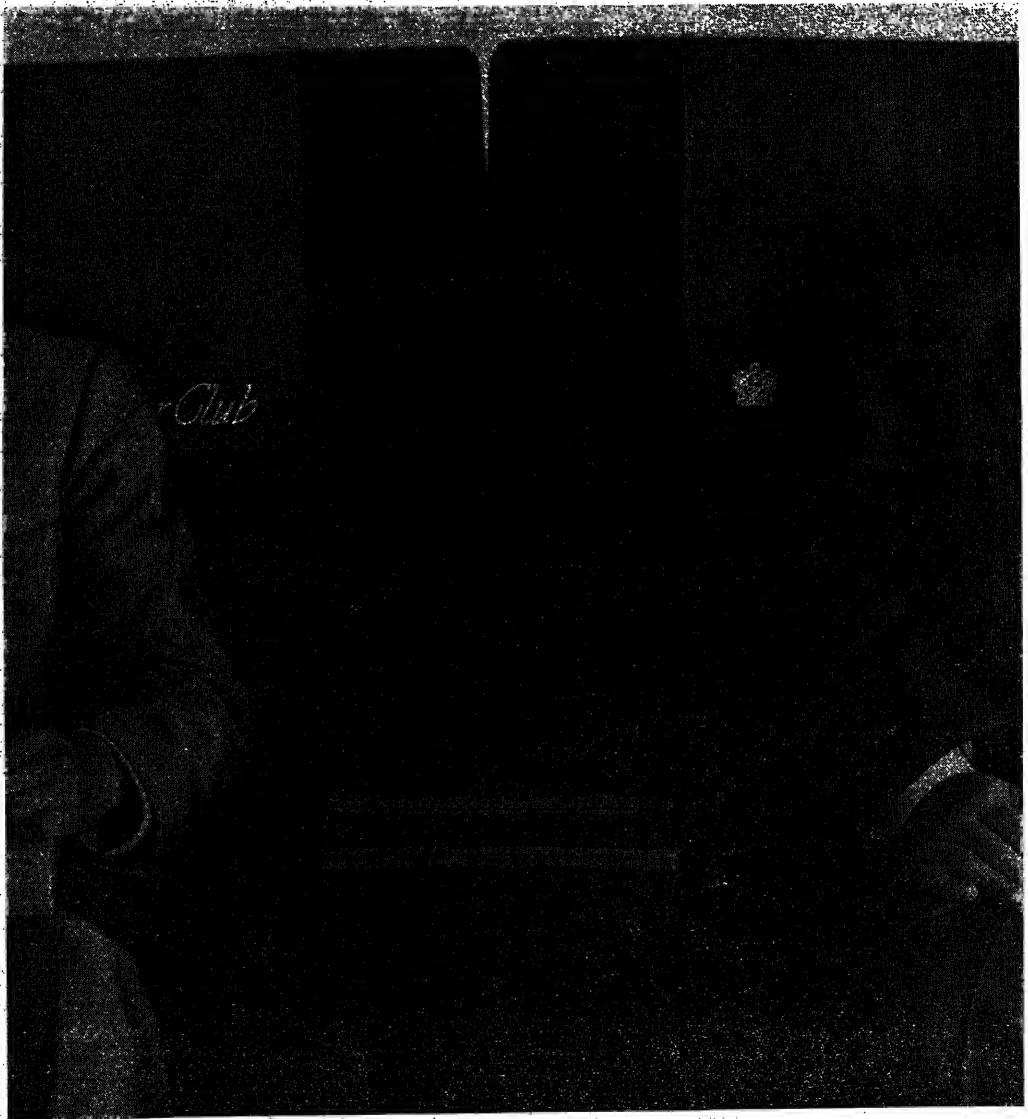
Lake, is to be released next month. But it is in performance The musical substance was thin indeed, Accompanied only by the alternately doleful and

tinkling delicacy for her Sugar Plum solo. Now that they have broken the ice, it would be sensible of Festival Ballet to invite McDo-

Nicholas Johnson as Drossel-meyer: much lighter-weight in his acting than is usual for that part. His different approach suited the unorthodox inter-vention which Hynd's version of the ballet has devised for Drosselmeyer in the divertissements; and the way he used his arms with a dancer's softness and musicality, rather than a



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The Times Profile: Sir John Cuckney

e spectre of Colonel Gadaffi's agents controlling the British helicopter firm of Westland made a brief appearance on the public stage just before Christmas. It was conjured like some pantomine genie and disappeared back into its bottle as quickly as it had appeared.

The whole business was a deliberate scare tactic by his opponents, Sir John Cuckney acknowledges with engaging frankness. There is no security risk. Fiat has been supplying Nato for the past ten years despite the Libyan connection. connection.

The Westland chairman is a suave and subtle man. Asked whether the defence secretary. Michael Hesel-tine, had been let down by his Cabinet colleagues, he sits and thinks carefully before he speaks, but when he does it is with surprising directness.

The battle's been fought on two levels - a high political level and corporate level. I've concentrated on the corporate problem and try hard to keep out of the political battle.

"I'm not an interventionist. I think that the more market forces can determine the course a company takes, the better, though one must recognize that there are exceptions. I think in the first instance Westland should have been considered to be an exception. It is a company of strategic importance, it has got some unique expertise that I think ought to be preserved.

"I wouldn't have sought government assistance if I didn't think the Government wasn't justified in trying to help. But a view has been taken by the Government that it was to be treated as a private sector problem entirely. Having been told that the company is on its own there's no point in wingeing about it, one has to get on and deal with it.

But then the goal posts were moved again, at least by one part of the Government. A very high profile interventionist role was adopted which is certainly confusing for the company and its employees and is really a rather sad development. It's particularly sad that the battle goes on and Westland is now in its ninth month of uncertainty about its future. That's bad for morale, bad for the employees, bad for its commercial operations. So I hope it can be solved quickly, he added, with a diplomatic smile

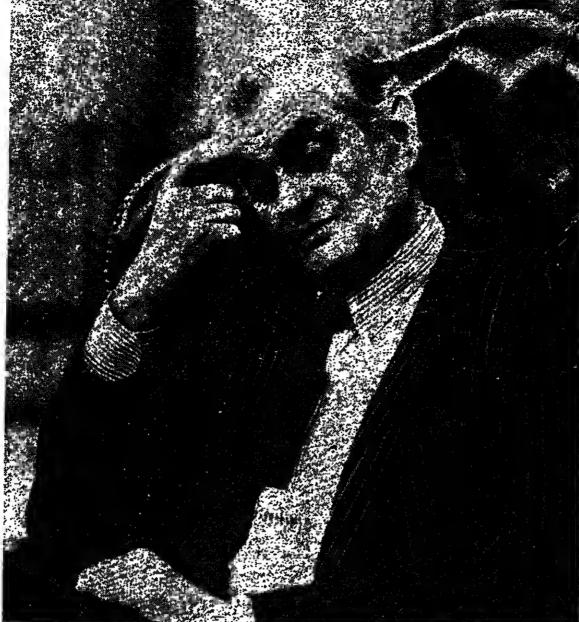
Sir John Cuckney is everything a captain of industry ought to be: urbane and cultivated, elegantly dressed, courteous and charming and yet exuding a sense of firmness and confidence in his own views which inspires confidence in others. So, too, does his track record of success in the City, business and in success in the City, business and in the public sector. His friends talk of his high sense of business morals and his sharp analytical brain. Even former opponents talk of his "straightforwardness" and "utter

integrity". Sir Kenneth Durham, chairman of Unilever, with whom he fought an intense and sometimes acrimonious battle during Unilever's bid to take over Brooke Bond of which Cuckney was chairman, says: "He is a man with a tremendous sense of duty. He knows the game from A to Z. He did very well for his shareholders in that situation. He is one of the best, if not the best non-executive chairman in the country."

Sir John has not hesitated to put that reputation to the test with demanding frequency. Until 1957 he was attached to the War Office where he specialized in intelligence

fter a decade in the City, with the issuing house Standard Industrial and a merchant bankers Lazards. of which he became a director, he began work on an impressive series of revivals of ailing institutions in both the public and private sectors. His performances earned him the tag "the company doctor who has never lost a patient". His first lame duck was the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board to which Edward Heath appointed him as chairman in 1970. It had a £90 million capital debt and was facing insolvency. There were operational, management and struc-tural problems. Many of the board's bondholders lost money in Cuck-ney's restructuring, which turned it from a public trust authority into a statutory company with a new capital base. But Cuckney left the Liverpool docks with an assured

His next job was to supervise the establishment of the Property Services Agency, incorporating all the Government's property buying, building and maintenance functions in one body. From there he moved to what he regards as the trickiest of



Snave, subtle and engaging: Sir John Cuckney in the boardroom at Westland

all his patients, the Crown Agents, which in the secondary banking crisis of the mid-70s had become involved in fringe dealings embroiling it in a massive international financial scandal.

It took him four years to sort that out and, indeed, he retained until only last year the chairmanship of International Military Services, which was hived off from the Crown Agents as a company owned wholly by the Ministry of Defence. It brings together government and private enterprise products in the field of arms exports and services.

1979 after half term as chairman of the Port of London Authority following the Labour government's rejection of his plans to close the Royal Docks. Instead, in what was regarded as a pre-election ploy it gave increased subsidy to the

authority.

When the collapse of the 150-year-old John Brown engineering company became imminent, the Bank of England and institutional shareholders like National Westminster demanded that the old chairman, Sir John Mayhew-Sanders,

He left full-time public service in should be replaced by Cuckney. Unlike his predecessor who, as the company's only executive director, had ruled John Brown with a rod of iron and was widely criticized for his poor relations with investment analysts, banks and institutions, Sir John has always enjoyed excellent relationships with the City where he is known for his meticulous efforts group? to keep investors well informed.

He is a firm believer that the crown, currently the most profitable process is mutually beneficial and feels that greater links between the City and the business world are have to consider is selling off the necessary. "My main involvement part which is no longer profitable

BIOGRAPHY

Born July 12, 1925. Educated at Shrewsbury and St Andrew's (MA in History and Economics). Wer service: Royal Northumberland Fusiliers. 1959 Became director, Standard Industrial Group 1964 Director, Lazards Merchant Bank Appointed chairman, Mersey Docks and Harbour Board 1972 Chief executive, Property Services Agency

in the City is as chairman of Royal Insurance. But I operate from one base, Thomas Cook. It's thought sometimes that it must be very confusing but in fact to have the experience of how another company deals with a problem is very valuable, because nearly always the problems are the same. I believe if yon have an involvement in the City

it's important also to have some commercial or industrial involve-ment as well. It helps preserve a

Considering his general philos-ophy on rescue operations, Sir John sees parallels between the situations at John Brown and at Westland.
"It's very important to be clearminded as to where your responsibilities lie. The first priority is to ensure that one is dealing with the shareholders and the employees interests and try to keep away from external and extraneous matters which are often around when a company has encountered difficult-

t is important, he says, to deal with the situation as it is now and concentrate on the future. There can be a great deal of wasted effort looking into the past. If one is having to be analytical about the return on assets and on capital employed, you might find it is in the interest of the shareholders to be right ont of the business which the directors consider to be the core of the company. This happened at John Browns. We got out of a traditional business where there were great names in British engin-

eering involved. There is always a tendency in a defence manufacturing company for it to be full of armchair strategists who think they know what is best for British policy. I think it wrong to get drawn into those considerations."
In the case of Westland, might that mean selling its technologies

"You'd be selling the jewel in the

1976 Chairman, Building Economic Development Committee 1977 Chairman, Port of London

1978 Knighted: became chairmen of Thomas Cook and director of Midland Bank, Brooks Bond and

Chairman, Brooke Bond, Chairman, International M Вигеаи

1983 Chairman, John Brown 1985 Chairman, Weetland

even if the company believes that in be the core. You could argue that (in Westland) the part of the business we would look at first for selling is the helicopter manufacturing side. However, in this particular case the decline in its fortunes is fairly addidecline in its fortunes is fairly easily understood and there are remedial measures one can take.

In Westland the basic problem is that its industrial base is too small and its financial muscle too weak to be in the type of business it is in it has a great name but it is basically a West Country engineering company with a comparatively small market capitalization in a high technology area. The international helicopter markets are immensely tough and you need very strong marketing organization. That's why, whatever the final outcome, the company has always said it must seek strong links with a major international organiza-tion to make up for its weakness."

Cuckney's friends say that what ever that outcome he has already proved his worth at Westland When he took over it was a disaster area. Today the share price is no and he has two rival consortiums fighting over what nine months ago nobody wanted", said Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal MP in whose constituency the factory lies. "The workforce have great confidence in him. They think he's precisely what Westland needs at the moment."

Others who have known him well over the years feel that he may have over-reached himself.

Sir John is cagey about whether he can survive as chairman of Westland. "The problem is that I never intended to become chairman and I have a number of other involvements at the moment which more than fully occupy me. I hope that I'm not neglecting them at the moment but it does result in rather

long days.

"Whether I remain as chairman is something to decide when the present crisis is over. It must depend very much on what the outcome is-But I certainly wouldn't want to leave Westland until it has achieved some stability and is safely recon-structed."

Paul Vallely

Putting juries on trial

A report published

comorrow recommends the abolition of trial

by jury for complex

fraud. It is the latest challenge to the heart.

of our legal system

The jury - the mainstay of our that if the jury was not too well-legal system - is once more educated and of too low under threat. This time the intelligence they might take attack is on several fronts: the more notice of the judge and Government is poised to therefore they ought to go for abolish trial by jury for complex people who were young, not fraud trials on the basis of a unsmart and no women. Anreport (published tomorrow) other said if the jury was young from a committee noder Lord they might be unpatriotic. They
Roskill, a law lord; at the same decided to pool their challenges
time it wants to end the right to — each defendant has the right

Manual They
matic police supporter." jury trial for some minor to three peremptory challenges offences such as common or challenges without reason assault, so they would be triable and agreed a joint policy. only by magistrates; and thirdly, in the wake of recent controversies over jury "nobbling" and jury "vetting" comes another dispute over jury "packing" by

Commons motion backing the defence lawyers who, it is sight to challenge and the

Toby Jessel, Conservative MP Toby Jesset, Conservative Mr for Twickenham, regaled MPs with an account drawn up by a defence solicitor, Mr David Bray, of the discussion between defence barristers in the recent archive of the idea of a fair Cyprus secrets trial. One lawyer wanted a young

working class jury; another an

dispute over jury "packing" by Commons motion backing the defence lawyers who, it is right to challenge and the alleged, use their right of Solicitor General, Sir Patrick to secure more Mayhew QC, said that as long as the right existed, counsel had

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This latest dispute came to a a duty to use it as they head in November when Mr conscientiously thought best. Mr Jessel is not satisfied. The

mockery of the idea of a fair trial where juries are meant to be selected at random, be says. anti-establishment jury, but The defence's right to challenge thought it might be better to go for a "young middle-aged, middle class jury". Another said introduces hiss - bias towards

an acquittal.

How widespread is the practice? David Wolchover, a barrister with 15 years' experience of defending, denies that the target is the pin-striped suit. "That's a myth. What you do get is someone challenged on the basis of his looks; be might

Most commonly, the chal-lenge is used to get young blacks on the jury, he says. This is not through lack of faith in an allwhite jury; but because blacks generally, although not always, are more sympathetic to the plight of young blacks,

that the system carries its own checks against abuse. "My view. and I think that of most defence counsel, is that on the whole you don't start challenging automatically; it looks suspicious to the other jurors."

The origin of the challenge was to enable the accused to secure an impertial jury. The Crown may ask a juror to "stand by" for the Crown and in addition both the Crown and the defence have a right to challenge for cause, or for a stated reason. Before 1977, defendants had seven challenges but that was cut to three because of complaints of abuse.

Do defence lawyers abuse the right to challenge jurors?

The lawyers make their objections as each juror stands to take the oath. They know only names and addresses and once the juror has spoken it is

The complaints come against a backdrop of other controversies, most notably that over "nobbling". Mounting concern over the number of convicted criminals sitting as jurors came to a head in 1983, when a man with 15 previous convictions admitted sitting three times as a juror, twice as the foreman, at Snaresbrook Crown Court. "As far as I am concerned", he was reported as saying, "all defend-ants are not guilty nuless they have been molesting kids". During the same year, a full-

scale police inquiry was laun- views ched after 14 trials at the state.



Central Criminal Court were stopped when jurors had been undertaken with the authority approached, and 280 court days of the Attorney-General for lost at a cost of millions of certain trials such as spy,

a law to disqualify for 10 years 1978 during the Colonel "B" anyone who had been in prison or received a suspended sentence; and for life anyone journalists were prosecuted. David Wolchover maintains sentenced for five or more

> Judges may be left to detect grounds for impartiality

Anyone on the electoral register aged 18 to 65 is liable for jury service, but there are a number of exemptions, such as lawyers, MPs, clergymen, police and prison officers, and military Some critics have questioned

the ability of juries, since the property-owning qualification was dropped in 1973. But there is no evidence that jurors are less capable or responsible than they used to be, nor that they acquit perversely. The latest Home Office research shows the opposite: juries acquit almost twice as often as magistrates; but almost always because of

views or any disloyalty to the

The practice of vetting terrorist or criminal gang trials, The Government also took only came to light during the action to stop criminals sitting 1970s. The existence of the as jurors and in 1984 brought in guidelines was discovered in

> The whole jury system therefore is set to change. The government seems likely to introduce the idea of a fraud trial tribunal, one judge sitting with two lay assessors, to replace juries in fraud trials; a proposal backed by senior judges but opposed by the legal professional bodies.

On the peremptory challenge, there have been proposals for reform ranging from gowning jurors from head to foot so that only their faces can be seen, to curbing the number of challenges allowed. There is some backing for the right to question jurors, with the judges' permission, or for questions aimed at detecting grounds for impar-tiality to be put by the judge himself. The Government will be

monitoring the whole practice of the defence challenge when the new Crown prosecution service gets onder way later this year. But Toby Jessel wants defects in the prosecution case.

Criticism, however, is far pressing for the forthcoming from one-way. Defence barristers and civil libertarians are tackle the matter.

ters and civil libertarians are tackle the matter:
strongly critical of the process of vetting jurors. A panel of 60 ruled this out and is expected in last year of Clive Poming, the civil servant prosecuted for leaking details about the sinking and other measures to end the of the Belgrano in the Falkiands war. Vetting involves the checking of backgrounds of checking of backgrounds of potential jurors by Special such will be fiercely resisted. To Branch officers, according to get parliamentary support the critics will have to produce hard records are checked and jurors vetted for "political beliefs" present jury system cannot be reflecting extreme, sectarian bettered.

Care that crosses frontiers

The celebrated French medical charity group

now has a British

counterpart in the

It all began for Dr John Foran and his wife, Barbara Stapleton, when they arrived in Thailand, in August 1982, to care for the

in August 1982, to care for the sick and wounded refugees of the Cambodian war. They had joined the French medical charity, Médecius Saus Frontieres (MSF), and had volunteered to work, without pay, for six months in a border camp. They were immediately impressed by the MSF's ability to translate ideals into action. translate ideals into action.

"Its structure wasn't hier-archical", Dr Foran told me in archical", Dr Foran told me in his surgery in Bayswater, west London. "People were allowed to take on the responsibility they wanted. There was good esprit de corps, idealism and little bureaucracy at the top levels. It was democratic and financially well organized. Altogether, it could reach populations that other agen-cies, for various (political) reasons, couldn't reach."

. The Forans were so inspired by what they saw in Cambodia. and by what they heard of MSF's work in other war-torn countries such as Eritrea and Afghanistan, that they vowed to establish the English-speaking world's answer to the French trail blazers. MSF had, French trail blazers. MSF had, by then, become a large organization and had given birth to two offshoots, Médecins du Monde and Aide Médicale Internationale.

Thus, in 1983, was born the International Medical Relief, (IMR) with Dr and Mrs Foran as its directors. They were soon

as its directors. They were soon joined by an American epidemiologist they met in Eritrea, Professor Sam Toussie of the University of Columbia.

Professor Tonssie, who is in his thirties, is now in Eritrea for a third time, and has founded an American branch of the organization. Others are doing similar work in Canada and Ireland, swelling IMR's members to five doctors and 30 When I met Dr Foran, he

and just returned from Kardistan, in the western mountains of Iran, where the Kurds have been waging a six-year war against the regime of the systoliahs. He hopes to return there next month.



Helping hands: Dr Foran treats a Kurdish patient'.

They found one Kurdish doctor or the front line between the Iranian and Iraqi armies, with artillery on the peaks overlooking it. Kurdish groups occupied some of the other peaks and some shells landed in and around the hospital.

"Nicholas Parkhouse stayed at the hospital to operate on a number of people, and Barbara and I visited various villages to see several hundred patients and assess their medical needs", said Dr Foran, "We visited one village at night because it was virtually surrounded by Iranian forces. But the Kurdish guerrillas went ahead of us to make sure we were safe. We left before daybreak.

"Initially it's terrifying, because you feel that every shell is meant for you. But after a time, I suppose like a soldier, you become attuned to the

dangerous bang and the bang that's not so dangerous."

IMR is now busy organizing another mission to Eritrea. And another mission to Eriften. And in Kurdistan Dr Foran hopes eventually to finance the building of another hospital to complement one under construction by Medacha du Monde.

He said there was still a great need for organizations such as his. "There are many populations in situations of great danger with absolutely so medical facilities and whom the UN will not help. In Eritrea you'd see a line of children you knew would be blind, permanently, by the time you got back to Khartoum. You also knew that if you bought eye oint-ments cheaply in London, you'd save the sight of two of them

Hazhir Teimourian

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 844) **ACROSS** Literary works (6,7) Day before (3) Exaggerate (9) Whole (5)



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4 Supple (6)
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7 Climb (6)
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14 Dietary fibre (8)
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BOOKS

Lonely poet of the arctic convoys

Tar, India, cricket ... and poetry. The subjects that preoccupy Alan Ross in this book of memoirs strike me as an odd mix. War, India and me as an odd mix. War, India and poetry I could understand. Cricket, India and war – no problem. It's the cricket and poetry that sticks in my craw. But I freely admit that the only kind of cricket I know is compulsory cricket, at I despise everything to do with it. When Mr Ross tells us that his book is an attempt to above how. book is an attempt to show how a single-minded devotion to sport developed into a passion for poetry" something in me resists. A singleminded aevotion to sport doesn't develop into anything. It has nowhere to go. It's like a single-minded devotion to collecting train numbers. It represents a stunting of the

personality.
And in fact Mr Ross does not in this volume, write particularly evoca-tively about cricket. He writes for the enthusiast, allowing the recitation of all the interest and attention. names to do the work of description. Wisden-fanciers will know what he's oo about. The rest of us won't. This drawback is not, incidentally, mevi-table. I've never been in the saddle and I have no interest in chasing foxes, But Memairs of a Fox-Hunting Man bas me enthralled. The story Mr Ross is telling - first there was cricket, then there was poetry and the war - is not dissimilar to Sassoon's. And it is clear that Mr Ross feels a great sympathy for Sassoon. Like him, he is not at odds with the society in which he moves. He is, though, rather strikingly alone in it.

Perhaps this is why, in his accounts. of naval life, be often mentions that people are writing letters bome. For him at this stage, there appears to have been no one to write to. He feels al one stage that, since he has no family ties, people think that if anyone should get hit it ought to be him. His love poems of this period were, he tells us, addressed to an imaginary woman: His actual sexual encounters appear to have been

James Fenton reviews the memoirs of our man who caught the feel of war, cricket, and life

BLINDFOLD GAMES
By Alan Ross
Collins Harvill, £12.95

Although there is much charm in bis account of childhood in India, and although description of Haileybury and Oxford slips down easily enough, it is really the war and post-warsection of this book that commands Throughout the memoir, poems are interspersed with prose accounts of the experiences that gave rise to them. These poems were not all written in the heat of the moment. A notebook was begun, was lost, was recovered several years later. Poems were reconstructed or confected from different periods – the long poem about an arctic convoy, "JW51B", is peopled with characters from a different ship, because at the time of that appropriate the same of the control of

that convoy Ross scarcely knew anybody on board Onslaw.

Here is one of Mr Ross's shorter war poems, "Captain's Fur Collar." Stained and wet as shot rabbit And his eye clinging to a thread Like spit, a bullseye that might Be swallowed whole, taking sight

Hiding his forehead He picked his way from the bridge With the indifference of a waiter. We found him haurs later. Balt upright on the edge Of his bunk two decks belaw. Eye dangling like a monocle, face

Horribly memorable on one reading, like Jarrell's "Bull-Turret Gunner", it is perhaps the grotesqueness of the monocle image that stays with you. On subsequent examination however the horror deepens. To think of the injured eye as a bullseye, in the sense of a boiled sweet, is disgusting. To present the incident so laconically is bard on the reader. And properly so.

And then there is that line With the indifference of a waiter, which springs something 6. a surprise and which seems to contain the meaning of the poem: this is what heroism is like, it is kind of indifference. For the poets of the Second World War differ from those of the First in having no particular axe to grind. It is not a question of saying either you swallow the whole bogus death-or-glory business or you listen to the way it actually is. They say: you want to know how it is? Very well then, I'll tell you. The purpose of the war does oot have so be trumpeted, nor is it

Here is Mr Ross in the role as genre painter, or war artist:

The bulkhead sweating, and under naked bulbs Men writing letters, playing ludo.

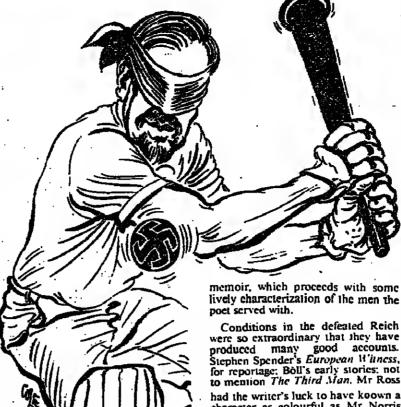
Cuts their arms off at the wrist, only Lives. Hainmocks swing, nuzzling in

tight
Like foals inta flanks of mares. Bare shaulders

Glisten with ail, tattoo-marks rippling their scales on Mermaids or girls' thighs as dice are shaken, cards played.

We reach for sleep like gas, randy for (From "Messdeck".)

It is with the Second World War poets that one gets a strong sense of what life was like not at the moment of action but the rest of the time - offduty, in the long boring jouerludes,



away from the front, And this is all very much part of the story.

Of course, for those oo the arctic convoys there was no such thing as an interlude. The boredom, extreme discomfort, and intense danger came in the same triple-deeker sandwieh. The poem "JW51B" is the most ambitious in the book, and while I do not think it the best handled it is unanswerably there as an achieve-ment. And it benefits, in this book. from keeping company with the prose

were so extraordinary that they have produced many good accounts. Stephen Spender's European Winess, for reportage: Boll's early stories: not to mention The Third Man. Mr Ross had the writer's luck to have koown a character as colourful as Mr Norris and as ruthless as Harry Lime, the murderer Chesney, real name Donald Merrell. In post-war Germany he was a successful racketeer, and the author's bridge partner. When he planned his last murder he anempted to enlist Mr Ross as an alihi. The story is wonderfully told.

Figally, I strongly recommend the poem "Interrogation", in which a captured *Leunant* refuses to say where he has laid his mines. They break his nerve by placing the man in the bottom of the ship and steaming out to the mined area, so that if the ship hits a mine the Leunant will be the first to go. A vivid anecdote, soon told, but like much in this book not to be forgotten.

enough. The figures must be multiplied by at least 20 to allow for inflation.

relationship with the Conserva-

there has been much, if any,

blatant selling of the Sover-

written is taken into acount, this

book is both informative and

entertaining. The author woold

seem not to approve of bonours for anyone. Logically be is right. The giving of bonours can never be an exact science, precisely

giving rewards to those who

should get them, and ignoring those who should oor. Honours

are a frippery. Bot human

nature yearns for frippery, even io austere Soviet Russia, where

honours slop about all over the

place. This week there are

hundreds of people enjoying an

say them oay. Mr Walker has

worked hard on his research

and his inquendo that the sale of

extra bout of harmless happi-ness and only a killjoy would

If the slant from which it is

eigo's Honours

The decent machine in Labour's ghost

"An empty taxi drove up to Downing Street and Mr Attlee got out." More than any other of the familiar gibes - "a sheep in sheep's clothing", "a modest man with much to be modest Cape. £20 about", "a grub fed on royal jelly" - this ghost story in one line contains the central paradox of Attlee's historical personality. Repeatedly dismissed as a nonentity. Attlee was pacifist, and neither extremist nevertheless Prime Minister for nor woolly. Was there another

the most turbulent and decisive the most turbulent and decisive was none of these things? period of national and inter-national politics. Was he then a Baker? Pethick-Lawrence? All fortuitous passenger at the centre of events, Churchill's loyal stooge, and no more than the referee between Bevin. Morrison, Cripps, and Bevan? Or was he all the time a sort of political Svengali, subtly ma-nipulating all these assertive egoists without their or the public knowledge? We are still as haffled as his contemporaries to know who was in that taxi.

to be said is that in many respects Burridge complements Harris admirably.

Harris, with the help of family correspondence and long as the agenda was clearly interviews with Attlee himself laid down. But Attlee's weakin unexpectedly garrulous old ness began to show up when age, got closer to the man than that agenda was nearing comone would have thought poss-pletion. What to do next? Attlee ible; but he was weak on the was ill-equipped to fill the history. Burridge is a great deal ideological void after 1948, and more scholarly and informative retreated utterly into himself, on the development of Attlee's His failure of leadership in the ideas and his role in specified latter years of his Government episodes, but he is much less and still more in Opposition successful in bringing him to between 1951 and 1955 was life. The trouble with his book total. He cannot be blamed, is that it is so relentlessly except for hanging on so long, positive and to that end. He was 67 in 1950 and his job selective. From the was done. His moment had moment that he attributes Attlee's election as leader in 1935 to his "solid and reassur-ing personality" there is scarcely a hint of the exasperation that Gregory did oot desert his trade when Lloyd George ceased to be Prime Minister. He had a his lack of personality induced in many who had to work closely with him. Impressively though Burridge documents his dwin to ask Ramsay MacDo-nald, when Prime Minister, to make Sir Julico Cahn, known views, Attlee striding the pages of history to such general for his interest lo cricket but admiration simply does not ring true: it is only half the story. It actually ignores the central problem the biographer has to nothing eise, a baronet for £30,000. That was the price needed to silence Gregory after he left Wormwood Scrubs. Since he became His Majesty's guest in 1933 I would doubt whether

For example, the 1947 "plot" against Altlee's leadership is brushed aside in a single paragraph, with no recognition of the very serious collapse of his authority that summer that led eveo Bevin to wonder about his adequacy for the job. of Attlee's era suggests that its Attlee's share of the responsiment passed at the same bility for the 1951 Budget crisis time; which raises again the is similarly glossed over. Burquestion of Attlee's peculiar

Of course he was lucky. But it is Wilson. propelled him into the leader-But his real strength lay in the fact that, as a type, he was such

John Campbell

CLEMENT ATTLEE A Political Biography By Trevor Burridge

movement. There were pleaty of middle-class socialists, but be was not an intellectual, not a nor woolly. Was there anothsix years, deputy Prime Minis-ter for five, and leader of the before the rise of the Gaitskell Labour Party for 20 - all during generation of careerists, who were nutty in their different ways. Attlee put a good mind and professional competence at the service of outstandingly simple beliefs. His socialism was learned not at Oxford but in the slums of Stepney, and founded not in Marxist theory or social revolt but in the conscientious application of all those public school ideals.

In addition, he turned out to Surprisingly, however, Trevor Burridge's is only the second full life of Attlee to have appeared in more than 30 years.
also fitted him admirably for following closely on Kenneth Harris's in 1983. The first thing Labour's programme, in economic following closely on Kenneth Labour's programme, in economic following through the programme of programme in contractional contractions. omic conditions of exceptional difficulty, after 1945. As Bur-ridge says, he simply got on with the job. That was fine, so



Superman or Supermouse? passed. But the inability of an increasingly divided, intro-verted and illiberal Labour Party in the following 30 years to recapture the moral authority contribution. Between weaknesses.

What then were his strengths? and the shifty evasiveness of Wilson. Labour's creative windy posturing of MacDonald too easy to say that it was period almost precisely co-simply his survival of the incides with the period of Labour debacle in 1931 that Attlee's leadership. Like Churchill and the lion's roar, did he ship in 1935. He earned bis luck provide the missing ingredient by putting down his roots in or did he just have the luck to Stepney, with no thought of express it? Could that mild, political reward, before 1914, unimpressive, frequently invisible little man really have had such influence? Despite Trevor an odd fish in the Labour Burridge, the myslery remains.

Brief lives of the new women in the West and in the East

Here are two extremely accom-plished collections of short stories to brighten the dismal fiction borizoos of the New Year. Both reflect the origins, education, and current life-style of the authors, as if the short story provided a fertile field for autobiography, of feeling if not

Alice Adams, "was born in Virginia, educated at Radcliffe, and lives in San Francisco"; and her stories echo ber own experiences in other women's lives, and probe beneath the vencers imposed by Southern roots, Eastern college, and California freedom. Life is mostly, easy for these women, al east on the surface. They bave rnough money to travel, lovers and/or busbands, bouses to live in. But as it is the nature of life that nothing stands still, so present comfort turns out to be boils on earlier pain, dulled but not forgotten, and an apparently ideal menage can become a America where every option

The best story in this collection and the most sub-stantial, provides the title,

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BIRTHDAY DEATHDAY AND OTHER STORIES By Padma Perera The Women's Press, £8.95

Return Trips: In it Emma, a successful academic, in her mid-40s and married, peels away the layers of her past. As she examines achievements and relationships, her fears and hopes for the future emerge. She is revealed as sensitive and complex; competent, too, and independent as only a modern woman has been able to be, yet searching still for a stable human tovolvement as the basis of true content; the archetypal. Adams woman. Alice Adams is greatly preoccupied with such critical relationships, whose importance often transcends the loss of the beloved object be it person or place. To make a resum trip, she seems to be saying, you must leave where you are, and there is no guarantee that things will be the same when you come back, or that you yourself will be unaffected by the journey. But with a solid experience of love in your life on which to base a sense of identity, you will not lose your way.

This is a book about women, and, I think, largely for women, taking their emotions and situations with deep seriousness, and little bumour. It is perhaps unfair to read (andreview) the whole collection at once, this is a book to dip ioto, to savour each scenario separately and relish the lucid, economic writing which, sampled at any length, starts to look flimsy. The genuine impact of Alice Adams's individual style and vision diminishes in the long term, like viewing a whole gallery of Andy Warhols. But overall this is distinguished writing cool and graceful, beautifully tailored: in a word,

chic. Very New Yorker. Padma Perera was boro in

not know about the warmth, the security, and the frustrations of living in an extended family. Her beroines have a particular problem to face, especially those who, like ber, bave escaped tantilizingly into the man's world of further education in America, and its concomitant freedoms. Will they develop the intellectual schizophrenia thai affliets westernized Easteroers, and find it difficult to fit in lo their appointed nicbes as daughters of the family when they return? Will they, in short, in any case, not being anxious to adapt to arranged marriages and the traditionally circumscribed see their life work wrecked by role of wife and mother? One,

to her surprise, comes to rhythms are of the two cultures. and willingly embraces the older one; another, baving entered, dutifully, even bopefully, into such an arrangement, flees in despair. "You think too much," is her outraged hushonours, is obvious. band's ulumate condemnation.

his young stepmother to Eknash. He is wasting sympathy on her, although she is married to a man three times ber age. "I was in my kanna." This fatalistic attitude is not entirely negative. There is love and peace to these sprawling households, and a good deal of noise and laughter. When acceptance is a deliberate act of will, it can bring joy, though I detect a certain sentimentally here. Clearly Padma Perera does not spend her whole life this way. and distance can lend enchantment. But the agony is real when long-held certainties are undermined, wheo a woman can cry, "I feel I belong to neither world, tell me what to do"; when the narrow vision of the prejudiced and uneducated ean stifle lives; when stupidity

"You think too much," says

"the only sanity" - cannot be summoned up. These are very solid stories written in dense, rounded prose. Padma Perera enjoys manipulating language, creating an almost tangible atmosphere out of vivid descriptions and sharp little bursts of dialogue. Her true values shine out as those of the illogical, turbulent world of her birth rather than the santitized West, and genuine and a third, tea, was traded for Madras and educated in India, affection illuminates this admir-

becomes a refuge and laughter -

The author for five years edited the journal of the Labour Research Department, a Communist front organization membership of which in the good old days, which Mr Kinnock presumably would like back, was officially held to be incompatible with that of the Labour Party. Much of his book is spent trying to prove that businessmen and industrialists get bonours from Mrs Thatcher and other Conservative Prime Ministers solely because they or their companies make large donations to the Conservative Party. It does not occur to bim. or perhaps it does, that the bonours might be for their worth to the nation, and that their companies would have subscribed to the Conservatives

nationalization. evention of Abuses) Act 1925, is obligingly reproduced. The suggestion that there is something corrupt honours to Conservative busioessmen, though those supporting other parties also get

by Conservative Prime Minis- free). Peerages were rather ters, as hasinessmen are by more: £30,000 and upwards if Labour Prime Ministers. In a the recipient was vain and rich oot proved his case. Vegetable movements

10 be a bit extravagant - "Five

plants that transformed Man-

kind". Mr Hohhouse describes

the consequences of moving

four plants from their original habitat, and of the discovery of a life-saving drug in the fifth,

which was quinioc. One could

fairly say that all had a profound effect on the course of

history, and that in all instauces

it was a case of "It seemed like a

good idea at the time M'Lord".

of the planter or transplanter

was to make money: a harmless

enough occupation. Un-fortunately two of the subject

vegetables were directly respon-

sible for the slave trade - sugar

in the West Indies and cotton in

opium in China, which - led 10

enough

The small baubles of life Woodrow Wyatt

THE QUEEN HAS BEEN PLEASED The British Honours System at Work By John Walker

Secker & Warburg, £9.95 rough kind of way there is an

attempt to recognize merit.

Lord Wilson's ecceotric last honours list is dealt with at length. Wbatever path he was treading, it was not one of pure In the appendix The Honours socialism; but it was not corrupt and in part II was buintorous. If you have the power to dish out honours why not give some to a few friends however odd: and blow the raised eyehrows?

There is an amusing account of Manndy Gregory's activities. This jolly fellow worked oo the vanity of the rich, coupled with Trade union leaders are under the peers and knights by Labour increase his fortune and man peers and knights by Labour increase his fortune and man peers and knights by Labour his party, by being a title financial contributions of the hroker. Baroneteies could be had for £25,000. £10,000 was accounted for a knight Bachelor. the need of Lloyd George to required for a knight Bachelor. (I am glad to say I became one

SEEDS OF CHANGE

By Henry Hobhouse Sidgwick & Jackson, £15.00

The other two vegetables are

As a posted history of the

slave trade, the Opium Wars

and the Irish problem the book

is presented in an original way,

with instructons on how to

make a pot of tea and grow

potatoes in a lazybed thrown in

for good measure - one cannot

fail to learn something, even if

that learning's use may not be

quinine and the potato - the first can be described as

India Company.

The claim of the subtitle seems Christopher Parsons

in other words the simple aim beneficial, the second perhaps.

Ideal new society in wild Wales

Jan Morris MADOCKS AND THE ment in that country at the WONDER OF WALES same time as it profited the East By Elizabeth Beazley

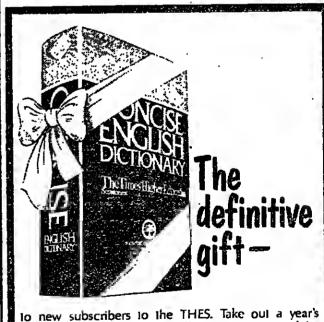
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Elizabeth Beazley's Madocks and the Wonder of Wales is one of those small classics of life among the gentry that prolifer-ated in Anglo-Ireland, but have been rarer among the Anglo-Welsh. First published in 1967, now re-issued in a handsome paperback, it tells how W. A. Madocks, an enlightened 18thcentury Member of Parliament conceived the idea of damming the cstuary of the Glaslyn, in north-west Wales, and creating an ideal new society in the land thereby reclaimed. It was a wild scheme. He was a splendid character. You may see his legacy to this day in the handsome small lowns of Porthmadog and Tremadog. And Ms Beazley's book has been universally recognized as doing him proud.

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THE TIMES **DIARY**

Where was Sid?

Last Christmas Sid Vincent, secretary of the Lancashire NUM, caused a storm by flying off with a woman friend to sunny Tenerife at the height of the miners' strike. This Christmas he went absent again and missed what another senior NUM figure described to me as a "most crucial" nay talks meeting on "most crucial" pay talks meeting on December 17 between the NUM negotiating team and the National Coal Board. The meeting ended in deadlock end the absence of Vincent, an experienced member of the team, did not go unremarked within the NUM's national executive. Where Vincent was remains a mystery. He was back in his office yesterday but angrily refused to answer my questions. "Listen. Get stuffed, mate." he said, and slammed the phooe down.

Woolslack

The loyal toilers in the corridors of the House of Lords are seething. For 18 months their work has been frequently interrupted by gangs of workmen replacing and spraycleaning the stonework. Never. naturally, did it cross their minds to stamp their tect and complain. But now, it transpires, Lord Hailsham made it clear that his Lord Chancelier's department could not be expected to continue working amid the hub-buo when the the workmen reached his corridor. Several bureaucrats were duly given alternative temporary offices and some work was put off to out of office hours, much to the annovance of other departments who wanted to see the work completed as soon as possible. "The Lord Chancellor was certainly concerned by the literally deatening noise, "said his spokesman.

True

Regular telephone callers to architeet Cedric Price may wonder wby he spends so much time in East Grinstead. Let me explain: he has nailed the sign of the town on the door of his London office, and when he doesn't want to talk to someone he simply points his finger at it. His secretary does the necessary.

Own goal

Harrods is not the only shop paranoid about its name. A firm of Golders Green estate agents known as Claridges has written to the Jewish Chronicle objecting to a report that someone had "tea at Claridges". "We suspect you were intending to report that he had tea at Claridge's Hotel, Would you please note that the name 'Claridges' is the exclusive property of this company and should not be used to refer to Claridge's Hotel." Yesterday they said sniffily it was no joke. Perhaps someone should tell them about the time Warner Brothers tried to prevent the Marx Brothers from using the title "A Night in Casablanca" on the grounds that it infringed their copyright on the film, Casarlanca. In response, Groucho threatened to deprive them of the right to the "Brothers", as the Marx Brothers had prior claim to it.

Ticking over

The Rolex Oyster watch presented by the Swiss to Tory MP Albert McQuarrie back in the summer of 84 ohviously doesn't work; he still seems awfully slow. McQuarrie ociter known after his constituency as the "Buchan Bulldog" - was given the wateb after an Inter-Parliamentary Union visit, but failed to record it in the register of MPs' interests last year, unlike the other five MPs who made the trip. Better late than never, he has decided to

BARRY FANTONI



Time to leg it and buy shares

Front parler

The recent report that Alf Lomas, leader of Labour's Euro-MPs, is to sponsor an urgent motion calling for an inquiry into Gustave Pordea, the French MEP accused of being a communist agent, is not without irony. Lomas was himself named by Lord Orr-Ewing in the Lords last April as a member of the World Peace Council - a body which Orr-Ewing claimed was a Russian front erganization dedicated to subver-sion of the free world and which the Foreign Office once denounced as "a disguised instrument of Soviet foreign policy. In a subsequent letter to The Times Orr-Ewing charted Lomas's active involvement in the WPC since it was a Labour Party-proscrioed organization in 1971. Lomas, however, dismissed Orr-Ewing's claims as "total non-sense", adding: "I thought this sort of smear language had gone out with McCarthyism".

Whatever the political complexion of the next government it will have to work with a Civil Service substantially altered since 1979.

Mrs Thatcher's administration came to office determined not to succumb to the inertia of established practices. Its chief objectives were to reduce the role and size of government and to improve the quality of official management.

In spite of unintended side effects. such as falling Civil Service morale and an almosphere of creeping politicization, the impact has in many ways been beneficial. No incoming government should wish to put the clock back to 1979. Any alternative cabinet would have to decide how much further to carry the process of reform, and in which

direction.
Political reformers of all parties will want to take up some of the Thatcher administration's initial objectives lost in the impatient extension of executive control: the need to improve the quality of ministerial decision-making. strengthen democratic account-ability by extending the role of parliamentary committees, to reduce parliamentary committees, to reduce ministerial patronage by cutting back on quangos. Alliance and Labour reformers would add the further objective of reversing the trend towards centralization restoring financial and political autonomy to local government.

A single-party government might well content itself with a modest initial burst of reforming measures. if, however, one makes the prudent assumption that the Alliance will figure in the cabinet which emerges from the next election, then all those interested in good government should turn to these issues with a should turn to these issues with a sense of urgency. There must be inhibited about such contacts, their coalition partners on matters adjustments to the structure of Servants of the Crown have a outside their own departmental

Whitehall, get set now for coalition rule

by William Wallace

Whitehall and its relationship with Westminster to fit the requirements of shared government.

If the polls continue to show a rough three-way balance, Mrs Thateber and her colleagues will be under increasing pressure to make some adjustments before the election, rather than limiting themselves to preparation for post-election bargaining. Given the central position of the Secretary of the Cabinet in the formation and operation of a multi-party government, for example, it would be extremely unwise — even if not strictly unconstitutional — for Sir Robert Armstrong's successor to be seen to be chosen for his closeness to the present prime minister. As the

ment will lay itself open to criticism if it fails to consider the views of both opposition groupings on crucial personnel changes within Whitehall. Between 1974 and 1979 the Conservatives in opposition ben-efited considerably from discreet advice given by serving officials. In the altered climate of Whitehall

approaches, this govern-

legitimate interest in the quality of alternative government, and this government should not stand in the

Coalition government must necessarily be more open govern-ment. Ministers from different parties will want to explain to their frustrated backbenebers the reasons behind the uncomfortable compromises and hard choices they have made. Executive secrecy will in any case be harder to enforce, competi-uve leaking all the more templing. In such circumstances a Freedom of Information Act would mark a formal change in the rules.

The growth of a substantial policy unit at Number Ten bas reflected Mrs Thatcher's recognition of the need for effective political advice across the whole range of government policies. In a coalition government leading ministers of each party would also need to keep abreast of the potential pitfalls and contradictions among departmental policies. Regularization of the current ad hoc arrangement for political advisers would equip senior ministers to argue intelligently with

briefs: a return to the principle of cabinet government which should noticeably improve the quality of decision-making.

Alliance ministers would want to work with and through the senior civil Service recognizing and

Civil Service, recognizing - and harnessing - its professionalism and restoring its battered morale. Coalition government would nevertheless require some changes in Whiteball's structure and style. A sprinkling of senior local authority executives with experience of multiparty government might belp the process of adjustment. The role of the Cahinet Office would require careful scrutiny, and some redefinition, to ensure that it served the government as a whole rather than he prime minister.

Within Parliament the absence of a single-party majority would, as in 1977 to '79, increase backbenchers' influence and independence. The government would have to persuade more often than to dietate. Transfer of control of the parliamentary agenda from the wbips' offices and front benches to an elected business committee would recognize the altered balance between the execu-tive and the legislature. Increased support, authority, and information for select committees would help to construct the necessary cross-party majorities and to involve and

educate backbenchers. The Alliance parties will want to make sneb ebanges a precondition of participation in any multi-party government. It would be tragic if their potential partners set their face against them; self-interest, as well as concern for good government, should be arguments for accepting them as necessary conditions for an effective coalition

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Tim Congdon urges the Budget planners to return to target

Why Lawson must repent

As Treasury ministers and officials meet at Chevening this weekend to discuss Budget strategy, their main problem is less economic than moral. They must decide whether, having sinned, they should enjoy it or repenl.

There can be no doubt that. according to the strict canon of the monetarist creed to which they were once so committed, they have sinned. In the year to December sterling M3 rose by 15 per cent, far ahead of the top end of the government's original target of 5 to 9 per cent growth, In his Mansion House speech last Octoocr Nigel Lawson reacted to the overshoot by suspending the sterling M3 target band, claiming that this measure of the money stock gave a misleading guide to monetary conditions.

Every day more evidence becomes available that the rapid growth of sterling M3 is not misleading but is having standard and predictable effects on economic behaviour. Most obviously, cash-rich companies are using their spare bank deposits, which are included in and bloat sterling M3, to expand by acquisition rather than organically. If sterling M3 was under proper control, they would not have such a high level of bank deposits and could not so easily embark on expensive takeover struggles.

If surplus cash in the corporate sector is financing takeovers and so driving up sbare prices, surplus cash in mortgage lending tends to raise

property prices. In 1985 house prices went up by about 10 per cent, much above the general inflation rate. Most of the increase was in the second half of the year as a strong upturn in the volume of mortgage lending gathered pace. The process has further to go: at the end of November the building politically harmless.

The remoteness societies' outstanding commitments to lend stood at £6.2 billion, an allume record and 30 per cent bigher

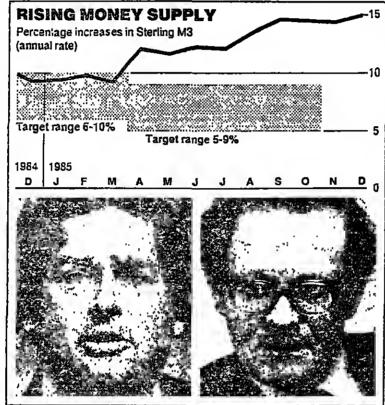
than a year earlier. As with so many government misdemeanours, the initial results of excess monetary growth are pleasurable. High takeover activity and buoyant house prices are classic symptoms of an economy in the early stages of a cyclical upswing, and contradict the large number of forecasts that the economy will expand more slowly in 1986 than in 1985. Already the employment situation is improving in sympathy with a better outlook for demand

and output. President Reagan has put Mrs Thatcher in a dilemma over conomie sanctions against Libya. For them to be effective, he needs the support of Europe and also, if possible, the Arab world.

Until Tuesday evening Washing-ton's attitude to Libya was vacillating. The economic measures alread-initiated were full of loopboles through which American business-men could continue to trade. Last year US exports to Libya (including service cootracts) totalled between \$500 million and \$1billion.

Libva depends on American equipment to extract its crude oil, from which 99 per cent of foreign earnings derive. American consultants are behind several of the country's important projects, including the \$3 billion Great Man Made River, designed to bring water from well-stocked aquifers in the south to parebed towns along the Mediterranean coast.

If American companies are now prevented from taking part in these projects, Colonel Gadaffi has two options - either to seek help elsewhere (probably from Europe) or to step down. Dealing with the second option first, it is unlikely that the already faltering Libyan economy will be able to withstand the twin effects of a fall in oil production and further cuts in development. Lower oit prices have already slashed Libya's income from



Lawson: a sign of good intent

MacGregor: will be speak out?

they need, they transfer it to building societies, which lend it out for mortgages. A substantial increase in mortgage lending tends to than for many years. Lawson and his colleagues must welcome the shortterm employment gains from their monetary trespasses more than they fear the long-term inflation dangers. After all, if higher inflation comes after the next general election, it is

The remoteness of the inflation risks is perhaps the major argument for enjoying the monetary overshoot fully and sbamelessly. Indeed, a case could be made that these inflation risks - even after the usual 18-month to three-year lag - should not be all that great. At present the economy can plausibly be said to have "too much moncy chasing too few assets". But it is nonsense, while unemployment remains above three million, industry has abundant spare capacity and there is scope to increase output, to say that "too much money is chasing

There is a chance that the monetary excesses of 1985 and early

Unemployment fell in each of the output and employment, and not at to be right, they could be regarded as wholly benign, giving a phase of unsustainable demand stimulus similar to that urged on the Chancellor by his Keynesian critics years ago. Ironically, the stimulus would have been in the monetary form he once deplored instead of the fiscal variety they advocated.

But is a mini-boom based on fast

credit and money growth what Lawson said be would achieve? Was not his principal policy objective in his first Mansion House speech in Mrs Thatcher subsequently and frequently said that further reductions in inflation remain their

foremost economic goal? If Lawson wants to restore credibility to his old statements, he must not boast about the mini- British government can do. glory. In policy terms, that would bave two main implications.

First, he has to reintroduce a M3 has several drawbacks, but so do monetary excesses of 1985 and early the alternatives, and it has the The author is economics partner of 1986 will, in the end, impact only on important virtue that financial stockbroker L. Messel & Co.

markets are familiar with it. In fact, in the Mansion House speech Lawson did say that a target for broad money would be announced in the Budget. It is realistic to expect some sign of penitence in this area. Yesterday's Iper cent increase in base rates could be regarded as an earnest of good intent.

Secondly, be has to re-emphasize that fiscal policy will support monetary restraint. In the 1985 Budget he flirted with the idea of changing the mix between fiscal and monetary policies. Some observers have interpreted this, understandably enough, as a shift towards "Reaganomics", with an increased budget deficit supposed to be boosting demand and high interest rates protecting the exchange rate.

It is far from clear that any such shift was either intended or achieved. But the ambiguity of Lawson's statements has led to much confusion in market thinking, with no one really sure whether he is more concerned about the exchange rate or domestic monetary trends in interest rate decisions. Even worse, there has been an erosion of confidence as the apparently more pragmatic view on public sector borrowing has been accompanied by asset sales and falling oil prices.

Critics have remarked that, without the receipts from asset sales, the public sector borrowing requirement in 1986/87 would be £4.75 billion higher than the £7 billion envisaged in the government's economie forecast. Some asset sales were always part of official plans but not on the present scale, and to return to the spirit of the original medium-term strategy it would be necessary to reduce the PSBR to about £5 billion.

No one outside the Whitehall machine expects that it would limit the scope for tax cuts too severely. But some brave soul at Chevening perhaps, John MacGregor, the new 1983 the attainment of price Chief Secretary - might suggest that stability? Have not both he and a gesture towards fiscal probity would be appropriate, with the PSBR down to, say, £6 billion. The viability of the lower figure in practice would depend as much on Opec's ability to bold the current level of oil prices as on anything the

boom, but apologize and repent. He But at present the Treasury's has to bring back the medium-term worst impieties are monetary, not financial strategy in all its former fiscal. A firm, clearcut decision to reinstate a broad money target and to stick to it would be more fundamental than the most inspired arget for broad money. Sterling guess about bow much room a fall in oil prices will leave for tax cuts.

Libya sanctions: can Thatcher afford to support Reagan?

(hence the expulsion of Tunisians and other Arabs last summer), and the public has been hit for the first time in nearly two decades.

European countries, which have a greater amount of bilateral trade with Libya, bave argued that until now US sanctions have been halfhearted, hypocritical and useless. Gadaffi has been able to call on lialy, Austria, Yugoslavia, Turkey and lately, the Soviet Union to take oil in lieu of payments.

After the Iran hostage humiliation, Reagan came to power determined that the US would no longer be pushed around. But until now his attempts to cut economic relations with Gadaffi have been halted by his own country's power-ful commercial lobby, eleverly manipulated by Libya. Gadaffi shrewdly doled out contracts to American corporations, while American oil companies in Libya have never been fully nationalized. have never been fully nationalized. In 1981, after a dogfight between

managed to get in and out on special papers. Given their importance to the economy, they were treated as bonoured guests.

At that time the US was still buying 40 per cent of Libyan oil production – nearly 8 per cent of its own oil imports. This was progressively scaled down until, in March 1982, an official boycott of Libyan crude oil imports was implemented. Licences were required for all US exports to Libya except agricultural and medical

However, Libyan refined products still managed to get into the US. In April last year Albert Bustamente, a Toxas congressman, told a House of Pepresentatives sub-committee that low-sulphur Libyan fuel oil and naplitha from the new refinery at Ras Lanuf were threatening the survival of some US refiners. The authoritative Middle East Economic Survey reported that 244,521 barrels Silved visited Libya's income from 1981, after a dogright between Silvey reported that 244,321 barrels of Libyan naphtha entered the US in Much of this is committed in barrier trade. Imports have fallen, comployment is no longer guaranteed.

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banning the import of Libyan refined products. However since then Libyan oil products (in the form of crude oil, refined in third countries, and therefore outside the scope of existing orders) have continued to find their way on to the American market.

Now Reagan has tarned his commercial lobby. He is telling Europe that the US has stopped pussy-footing and done all it can, sbort of war, to bumble Gadaffi. A State Department adviser says Washington is prepared to track each shipment of Libyan crude by satellite; any refinery accepting it will be, in his own words, "contaminated" and banned from selling any of its products to the United States. If allied support is not forthcoming military action is threatened.

British commercial interests are unlikely to be impressed. In the first half of 1985, Britain's imports from Libya rose by 127 per cent - much of this, it seems, crude oil for refining and onward shipping to the US while exports were up by 4 per cent.

Mrs Thatcher herself will not bow to rough American pressure. But, as Europe's most vocal opponent of Gadaffi, she may feel obliged to belp Reagan, if only to prevent him going too far out on a limb. Perhaps the new US sanctions will topple Libya's shaky economy and Gadaffi with it. But perhaps they won't. Perhaps a final push does involve concerted European action. And there is Mrs Thatcher's dilemma.

Ronald Butt

Heseltine's two options

Judged by the basic political and economic matters which are supposed to determine a government's election prospects, 1986 should be a good year for Mrs Thatcher. So far, however, it has been bad, from the however, it has been bad. Irom the trivial and passing embarrassment over the chosen, and the unchosen, for the Honours List to Michael Heseltine's astonishing behaviour over Westland. The Heseltine case is a disease. For the government's a disaster for the government's reputation for competence and reliability, and it will not quickly be forgotten unless order in the Cabinet

is decisively restored.

The row bas had some beneficial of the rival bids, a wider discussion of questions affecting European defence co-operation and the place of market forces in defence policy. In the earlier stages, the open deployment of arguments could also be regarded as a bealthy sign of Cabinet willingness to admit public influence into the debate.

But any meritorious consequences of the wrangle, which has been waged by leak and counter-leak, and by unnamed spokesmen as well as by Heseltine and Leon Brittan themselves, have been wholly outweighed by the unnecessary damage to the Cabinet's standing.

And for what? Ostensibly the conflict has been about whether Westland's future should be determined by "market forees", which the Prime Minister, Brittan and others came to identify with the Sikorsky bid, or by consideration of the European consortium's offer, which Heseltine favours. In the end. however, the decision will be taken by the Westland shareholders on the merits of the rival offers, and if eventually the European consortium were to be successful that itself, as things have developed, would be a market result.

Why, then, could the Cabinet not have agreed originally, that a solution should rest on the merit of the rival bids? It would bave been perfectly possible in a Cabinet able to communicate with itself without misunderstanding and suspicion,

As it was, a Defence Secretary whose department had failed to promote any action to save Westland at an earlier stage went into arbitrary action (with unprecedented political ruthlessness) in favour of the European solution once the Sikorsky ("market forces") arrangement seemed firm.
On the other side, Mrs Thatcher

seems to have been motivated largely by her conviction (which may be correct but is not necessarily a good basis for position taking) that Heseltine has been inspired less by his personal Europeanism than by his ambition to differentiate bimself from ber on a winnable issue.

She knows he sees bimself as her rival and potential successor and that he is an interventionist at heart She has suspected that his real inclination, if Sikorsky could be headed off, would be for more public money to be brought into play. That may be so. Yet it may turo out that we have a solution that is both "market" and European, and go.

could have had that option, without fuss, from the start.

In this morass of misunderstanding and suspicion, Heseltine has been determined not to weaken himself by resigning and bas been convinced that Mrs Thatcher would not sack him because she prefers to put up with Cabinet acrimony than have him as a focal point for backbeach revolt. His calculated aggression has been matched by her earlier failure (bred of suspicion) reearlier failure (bred of suspicion) to allow the possibility of a European "market" outcome. But a Cabinet in hich a senior minister refuses to resign on what be regards as a matter of principle, and the Prime Minister apparently fears to sack him, and accepts conflict by leaks, hardly looks strong or effective.

It is a legitimate part of Hesciune's case that the Westland essential decisions having been taken in capiner committees. That is clearly the most practical method of dealing with such a technical matter.
But once it appears that the Cabinet as a whole is split on a policy, and that a minister crucially involved is publicly fighting his own colleagues, then the whole Cabinet ought tu meet and hammer out a consensus

Only Mrs Thatcher can now resolve the problem she has allowed to arise, which is undermining the government reputation for being businesslike. It needs decisive action because 1986 will almost certainly be the crucial year for the government's

chances of re-election. Mrs Thateher and her colleagues have much in their favour. Inflation will be down below 4 per cent, a growth rate of 2.5 per cent in the economy seems certain; it now appears less likely that instability of oil prices and revenues will undermine the Chancellor's scope for cutting taxes, and a year of rising consumer demand seems to lie

All this is obviously helpful to the Conservatives. Yel governments do not always survive by boom alone.

The government's basic economic policies, including denationalization and union reform, plainly have public support. Labour's policies are disliked and the nation will not wittingly dethrone Mrs Thateher to raise up Neil Kinnock. But Labour is not the only threat; the Alliance could increasingly seem a credible refuge for voters who, although they are repelled by Labour and like much of what this government has done, dislike its style and manner and suspect that it does not care enough about the things that worry

Part of the problem arises with the government's own past rhetoric. Mrs Thatcher has somehow to bring the government's style into a proper relationship with us actual behaviour. Meaowhile she cannot afford to let it be believed that this is a chaotic and feuding government. The Cabinet should reach an agreed position on Westland this morning, and if Heschine cannot be part of it, the Prime Minister should tell him to

moreover . . . Miles Kington

Tearing Britain off a strip

I too have been flipping through the magazines in France devoted to magnificent new edition of the Bayeux Tapestry and, yes, I too have magazines about drawn strips; this Bayeux Tapestry and, yes, I too have had the thought that its technique is not so very far from that of the comic strip or animated cartoon. We can all react instantly to the pictures; what is harder for most of us is the Latin text that goes along with it. I wonder if anyone has thought of bringing out a modern edition with new bubbles and captions. It would be quite in the spirit of the Tapestry if it was adorned with cries of "Ouf!", "Harold has welshed on your deal, O Duke", and "Pow! Take that, you pig-bellied son of a Saxon acorn-swiller!".

People who are familiar with modern comics might think there was little comparison between the subject matter of then and now. Today's comics are so violent and war-mongering. The short answer to that is that if you want violence and war-mongering, you couldn't do better than the Bayeux Tapestry. No, the amazing thing about the Bayeux Tapestry was achieved here in Britain by English artists, because if a similar effort was demanded today I door effort was demanded today I don't think we'd be up to it. Somewhere in the last 900 years we bave lost the aptitude for sustained comic-strip

drawing.

Before bordes of infuriated British artists write in to lambast me, let me make it clear that I think we have the talent. What we have lost is a think we have lost is a stream of the talent. the taient. What we have lost is a tradition. There is a great vogue at the moment for strip-drawing, notably in France, Italy, Spain and the United States, and we are not contributing our fair share to it. We have no tradition of large format books such as Tin Tin and Asterix, which are commonplace in France.

comic and cartoon. In France they call them BD or bandes illustrees. with no overtones of comic obligations - they may be bumorous, but they can also be science fiction, philosophical, adventure or sociological. Not only do they have many

may prove that the France have gone too far again, but better to go too far than not get anywhere.

There are a few honourable exceptions in Britain. The annals of Judge Dredd and 2000 AD put oul by Titan Books are high-level stuff, if a bit thud-and-blunder SF. Knockabout Comics put out some exceedingly good stuff, especially when graced by the presence of Hunt Emerson, whose crazy free-wheeling humour is as good as anything being done anywhere. He also draws very well, which is an accusation that cannot be levelled at many current British cartoonists. Last year saw the birth of Duck Soup, a paper devoted entirely to British cartoonists, all of it spirited and much of it very badly drawn. Last year also saw the disappearance of Duck Soup.

But generally speaking, British cartoon and strip drawing is nothing to be very proud of at the moment Our political cartoons are by and large abysmal; compared with the American product they are largely cackhanded and pointless.

Our pocket cartoons may be the best in the world, but only because the rest of the world doesn't do pocket cartoons. We have a few good newspaper strips, but more by default than anything – mostly the amateur reigns supreme, and nobody really minds.

Is there no comfort then? Well, yes. In the November 1985 issue of a classy French magazine called Fluide Glacial ("Umour et Bandessinées" t there is an encouraging editorial which draws attention to a which are commonplace in France. The 1960s threw up no talented strip artists in Britain, as it did in America with people like Richard Crumb and Gilbert Sbelton, creator of the Fabulous Furry Freak Brothers. Most people in Britain have never even beard of Crumb or Shelton.

This is because strips have never become part of the culture here, remaining instead a small corner forever associated with the words comic and cartoon. In France they delectably funny book, discovered accidentally by the editor. It is *The Meaning of Liff* by Douglas Adams and John Lloyd, a collection of definitions for which so far there had been no matching word. It is a general, a commodity in which the French are rather deficient. So even if we are not too good at pictures, it seems, we are still good at words. A cultural difference, somebow.

But it would be nice if we were



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this needs qualifying. The all.
United States did not cut its ties Bri been sinking towards zero. at \$300m and imports at \$35m,

were looking for an argument same - and show our solidarity should be surgical and swift against the use of economic with the White House? sanctions as a weapon against international terrorism, the has already been made clear by political and operational reasons. American experience would the Government's opposition to the country best equipped to make very good material. The measures which were announced more clear that our European its involvement would be far less more clear that our European its involvement would be far less than the country best equipped to carry this out is Israel. Politically more clear that our European its involvement would be far less than the country best equipped to carry this out is Israel.

But to see them in that light, as his critics undoubtedly will, is ably larger investment in Libya. Gadaffi, and, with some dignity,

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with which it no longer wants to Europe for the small amount of

He has finally taken the bull biggest market overseas, repby the horns, but he and resent the kind of relationship President Carter before him had been relentlessly twisting its tail circumstances, could just afford for eight years. Indeed, if one to forgo. Should we then do the military action is appropriate it should be surgical and swift -

this week completes a strategy partners would not join damaging. Operationally, they which so far has not worked. Nor particularly countries like Italy and West Germany which in one As for the Americans, they way or another have consider- have turned their back on

Britain broke off diplomatic partners, with the requisite tact,

urge the Americans to avoid the kind of sabre-rattling exercises as those last week in the Mediter-

not entirely fair. They are not -. It was this reality which lay walked away. There is at this like yesterday's unprecedented behind President Reagan's demoment little else they should do.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

am an enthusiast for immersed tun-

of a wide experience in bored ones.

nels in the right conditions, in spite

I would wish the Minister nf

Transport to consider the views of French engineers, having worked

with them for many years and found

them highly intelligent and practical.

vehicles per hour in either direction.

technical problems, which do not occur with the fully explored lower

cables, with extraordinary current

fluctuations, an up-and-down sea-bed, and constant bad weather to

interrupt the work, as we found in

our work at sea in 1958-60 and in 1963-64. And we found that many

insurance premiums were needed to cover the risks with shipping.

able. The combined method gives many hostages to fortune, both during and after work. It is vulnerable to sea and ship damage, air

or land attack, while the immersed tunnel, with shallow cover, is

provided in those jobs not under

periods of work experience. Many

would be for most of them to pursue

to further education via YTS.

and certainly not at the bottom.

Commerce House, Cheapside, Bradford, West Ynrkshire.

Lessons from Swiss

Sir, Having, myself, lived and worked in Switzerland for a dozen

years, I feel qualified to respond to

Most, perhaps all inf what he writes is true. It is, however, unqualified. For example: lacking

the natural resources of coal and iron, Switzerland has none of the

primary industries associated with

here and in, for example, northern

the last war Switzerland was anything but prosperous. The country has nuly become wealthy

since learning how to earn money by looking after that of others and by

putting those earnings to work.

However much the Swiss may

have that we lack, one thing is clear.

they are unable to enjoy it. The

Austrians, despised by the Swiss,

like to compare the central cemetery

in Vienna with the city of Zürich. It

is, they say, "nur halb so gross; aber zweimal so lustig" (only half as big, but twice as jolly).

them that are (or have been) a blight

Mr Farr must know that before

Mr Farr's letter (December 27).

From Mr David Harris

Germany.

IAN R. SMITH, Deputy Manager,

Yours sincerely,

The City Scheme,

Whereas full-time further edu-

vulnerable from below the sea.

Yours faithfully.

Topsham,

Exeter,

Devoil

HAROLD HARDING,

37 Monmouth Street,

The rail tunnel will be invulner-

tunnelling in the world.

costs.

Tunnel vision on the Channel link

From the Chairman of the National From Sir Harold Harding, F.Eng Coal Board

Sir, Your leading article on the fixed link (January 7) has isolated the questions to be answered. Having initiated the EuroRoute scheme in 1980, could I make some obser-

Channel travel is now dominated by 21 million surface passengers and 23 million tonnes of unitised freight carried by road. A civil engineering solution with minimum obstruction to Channel shipping which competi-tively allows this traffic to drive freely across and provides a rail facility for fast tracked systems as they may develop into the next century - and privately financeable - were the criteria used in the design of EuroRoute.

The finance of construction in major projects is critically dependent on speed and a tight timetable. To be successful dictates a high degree of prefabrication not prone to industrial disruption. Submerged tubes for the underwater section provide additional benefits of thousands of jobs in shipyards around the country. The technology is common in the USA and has a record of completion nn time and within budget and avoids cost and time unpredictability of long bored

High standards for ventilation for EuroRoute, plus the unknown psychological problems of driving inng distances underground, led us to keep the traffic in the open air and reject the impractical idea of a tunnel about three times longer than the longest passenger-carrying tun-nel in the world. Road bridges led from the coasts to offshore oil platform-type islands where the tunnel under the sea lanes com-

The design gives control to construction performance. Even with conservative assumptions, revenues finance the project robustly. Since I discontinued my own immediate involvement with the project, millions of pounds have been spent on design development and many major consulting firms in Britain, France and the USA have been employed to establish that the project is wholly viable as a road and rail scheme within the guidelines laid down by the two governments, justifying the Govern-ment's determination to reach a speedy conclusion on the form of link. It would be regrettable if any partially developed and totally untried concepts were allowed to vitiate the decision-making process at a time when a decision is

practicable. In conclusion, my career has involved me with underground tunnelling fine soveral decades. Today I preside over more tunnel-ling work than any man alive. Experience makes me allergic to bored tunnels and their one certainty - their total unpredictability in safety, time and cost. Sincerely.

IAN MacGREGOR, Chairman. National Coal Board, Hobart House, Grosvenor Place, SW1.

Jobs for youngsters

From Mr Ian R. Smith

Ensuring farms do not get milked Sir, May a veteran consultant to the From Mr Barnaby Hannam

Channel Tunnel Study Group from 1958 to 1972 venture a cool opinion, Sir, The letter from Mr J. H. Anderson (January 2) is, at first glance, extremely plausible and it having helped our many international experts to study impartially eight solutions, including the comattempts to focus the blame for squabbles between the farming organisations and the landowners bined bridge-tunnel-bridge solution. In over 50 years' experience I visited eight different forms of firmly upon the tenant faction.

Mr Anderson has, however, most immersed tunnel under construcconveniently avoided mentioning non, including Chesapeake Bay, Los Angeles, four in Holland, Dublin and under the Seine in Paris, I also the long-running dispute between the National Farmers' Union and the Country Landowners' Associurged the GLC to consider an ation over the ownership of milk immersed tunnel to Thamesmead so Quota. When quotas were hastily intro-

duced by the EEC to control milk production they were attached to the farm buildings and land where the dairy herd was based, despite united protests from the National Farmers' Union, the Tenant Farmers' Associ-ation, the Milk Marketing Board and also, I believe the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors. The CLA, at this stage saw an

Their view is the same as we expressed in our report in 1960. The cheapest form of construction yielding the quickest return on invested capital was a twin railway toward which could court with immediate capital asset to be gained, despite the fact that frequently the landlord had contributed precious tunnel which could carry, with modern signalling, one train every five minutes and also carry 1,800 little to the success of the dairy venture on "his" land. The original scheme tn encourage

diary farmers nut of milk production was nnly partly successful because tenants were often refused the right to surrender their farm quota by landlords keen to hang un to this suiden "couck of said." So let us restart the tunnelling which was going so well until the Labour Government stopped it, although by private finance, in 1975; sudden "crock nf gold". also keep the ferries. They have been

their own worst enemies in their vocal opposition. The two together The EEC has now, in its wisdom, decided to remnye a second tranche of qunta and this time, recognising will meet all nur needs for all sorts of vehicles, at half the other suggested tenants' difficulties, has given to them the right to take the "nutgoers" cheme" regardless of their land-The EuroRoute handout suffers lord's loss.

This is also clearly unjust, but from over-enthusiasm and a tend-ency to brush aside the many

could easily be resolved if only the CLA would cease their reactionary posturing and accept that quota should belong with the producer whn had built up the dairy unit in which it was attached.

The farming organisations all accept the need for negotiation with chalk in the bored tunnel - possibly, from my experience, the most perfect material for machine-bored

I fear, like the French, that enthusiasm has led to under-estimating in the hnpe of beating the rival solution. Among much else there are 100 ships in a peak hnur passing the straits, with 143 known wrecks in the sea-bed among all the regard to compensation due to the landlord for buildings and other works that he has provided, but so lnng as the CLA maintains its present attitude nuthing construc-

tive can arise. Farming and its ancillary industries are entering a most difficult period and it is not constructive for Mr Anderson to throw mud where it does not belning. Yours sincerely,

BARNABY HANNAM, West Sevington Farm, Yatton Kevnell. Chippenham, Wiltshire, January 3.

Westland's future

From Mr Peter Temple-Morris, MP for Leominster (Conservative) Sir. Your leading article (January 7). somehow entitled "Mr Heseltine's joystick", was unfair and frankly offensive to anyone in politics who has sincere and legitimate views art from are friends of Mr Heseltine. To reduce everything to a "leadership hid" is to trivialize the efforts of a minister who is at least standing up for what he believes in and giving

cation has a lot to offer young people, it cannot provide substantial the "political-industrial establish-ment" a run fir their money. At best it is a compliment to Mr young people fallnwing that route are still not equipped, after their studies with the skills required in the Heseltine that whatever he does is seen in the leadership context and at worst it is yet another attempt to run world of work. How much better it him down.

We need to give this affair a little a period of work experience linked depth. The current Conservative leadership is not and never has been Mr Felton and the plethora nf careers advisers should consider putting YTS higher up the ladder European in action or notlook. Allied to this has been a somewhat ahrupt and dogmatic style of doing business, aided and abetted by ministers too little able or willing to stand up for anything different from the prevailing and oftern narrow wisdom of the day.

It is only by grasping the esential fact that often issues are bigger than one company with a capital of £30 million that we begin to get out of the league of mere national and limited commercial politics and into what really concerns the future of

our country.
We need more vision. At least Mr Heseltine has shown some. Ynurs faithfully. PETER TEMPLE-MORRIS.

Far festive fare

House of Communs.

January 7.

From Mrs Frances Cooper Sir, With regard to Mrs Colman's query (January 3) about the travels of Christmas fare, some years ago, I sent a home-made Christmas pud-ding, by parcel post, via Siberia, to my son in Tokyo. It arrived in good

condition. As he was spending the huliday skiing, the pudding than went up a mountain and was eaten by 14

people. Yours faithfully, FRANCES COOPER, 98 Sandfield Road, Headington, Oxford. January 4.

From Ms Hilary Bradt

Bourne End,

Buckinghamshire.

Sir. While others may boast of delivering the furthest Christmas pudding, I think I can lay claim to the most southerly. Four years ago I decided to back Britain by bringing a pudding, complete with silver threepenny bits, to Ushuaia, in Argentina, the most southerly city in the world.

I explained to the hotel chef how to cook it and also gave him a bag of field mushrooms gathered that day. be not using a word reminiscent of He served us a memorable Christmas dinner of plum pudding garnished with fried mushrooms. Yours truly,

HILARY BRADT, Kilnside, Harvest Hill,

ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 9 1858 '

repealed in 1853 greatly to the advantage of The Times which in this typical issue of the period corried over 50 columns of classified ads; display did not make an appearance until the close of the century.

PILLS. This excellent compound, skilfully adjusted, is an unfailing remedy for indigestion, constipation, liver and all stomach complaints, its liver and all stomach complaints, its action being so mild and certain cannot fail to restore health, and by continued use prove a most valuable medicine. Well adapted for emigrants. In bottles is 1½d., 2s. 9d., 4s. 6d., and 1ts. Prepared only by Mr. Prichard. apothecary, 65. Charing-cross; and of all medicine vendors; Constance, city agent, 37. Leadenhall-street.

New-road, - MORISON'S VEG-ETABLE UNIVERSAL MEDICINE is the only medicine that strikes at the root of all diseases. This has been root of all diseases. This has been proved by an experience of 30 years, during which time upwards of 400,000 cases of cure have been effected. The Hygeian agents throughout the world are unanimous upon the Hygeian system of medicine introduced by James Morison, the Hygeist, who not only taught the public how to cure their own allments, but also rescued the world from the dangers of false medical doctrines. The monument lately raised to his memory, by a penny subscription, sufficiently attests the importance of his discoveries.

LIVER, Nerves, Stomach, and Lungs Restored without medicine - DU BARRY's delicious health-re-storing food REVALENTA ARABI-CA, cures speedily and without expense as it saves 50 times its cost in

COLOURED INDIA-RUBBER, as a lining to the gold or bone frame. The extraordinary results of this application may be briefly noted in a few of their most prominent features: All sharp edges are avoided; no springs, wires, or fastenings are required; a greatly increased freedom of suction is perfected with the most unerring accuracy, are secured, while, from the softness and slexibility of the agents employed, the greatest support is given to the adjoining teeth when loose, or rendered tender by the absorption of the gums. The acids of the mouth exert no agency on the chymically prepared indiarubber, and, as it is a non-conductor, fluids of any temperature may be retained in the mouth, all unpleasantness of smell and taste being at the same time wholly provided against by same time wholly provided against by the peculiar nature of its preparation.

greatly superior to any tooth powder, gives the teeth a pearl-like whiteness, protects the enamel from decay, and imparts a pleasing fragrance to the breath. Sold by all chymists and perfumers throughout the kingdom. Price 1s. 6d. per pot. Manufactory, 13, Three King-court, Lombard-street, London.

THE SOMNAMBULE, ADOLPHE DIDIER, gives his MAGNETIC SEANCES and CONSULTATIONS for ACUTE and CHRONIC DESEAS-ES, their Causes and Remedies, every day from 1 till 4.-19, Upper Albany-street, Regents-park. Consultation by

International cuisine

From Mr James Page-Roberts

that it should not contain water) not the single plastic flower in it had

BRITISH COLLEGE of HEALTH

expense as it saves 50 times its cost in other remedies, indigestion, (dyspensia) flatulency, phlegm, habitual constipation, all nervous, bilious, and liver complaints, dysentry, diarrhoea, acidity, palpitation, hearthurn, haemorrhoids, headaches, hysteria, neuralgia, debility, despondency, cramps, spasma, nausea and sickness, sinking fits, coughs, asthma, bronchitis, consumption, also children's complaints, and is admirably adapted to rear and strengthen delicate infants. Recommended by Drs. Ure, Shorland, Harvey, Campbell, Ingram, and 50,000 other respectable persons whose health has been perfectly restored by it, after all other means had failed. Satisfactory proofs of cure and references to respectable families, may be had gratis and free by post from Barry du Barry and Co., 77, Regent-street, London.

TEETH.-No. 9, Lower Grosvene street, Grosvenor-square (removed from 61).-By Her Majesty's Royal Letters Patent.-Newly Invented Application of Chymically-prepared India-rubber, in the Construction of Artificial Teeth. Gums, and Palates.-Mr. EPHRAIM MOSELY. Surges.-Protected J. Lovers Grossvenortes.—Mr. EPHRAIM MOSELY. Surgeon-Dentist, 9, Lower Grosvenorstreet, sole inventor and patantee.—A
new. original, and invaluable invention, consisting in the adaptation, with
the most absolute perfection and
success, of CHYMICALLY PREPARED WHITE and GUMCOLOURED INDIA-RUBBER, es a
lining to the gold on bone frame. The wholly unattainable, and a fit, perfected with the most unerring

M R ALFRED JONES, Surgeon-Dentist to their late R.H. the Princess Augusta and the Duchess of Glocester, His Majesty Louis Phillippe, and the ex-Royal Family of France, their Serene Highnesses the Princess Esterhazy and the Prince of Gonzaga &c., may be CONSULTED upon every operation of dental surgery and mechanism, from 11 to 4.-64, Grosvenor-street, Grosvenor-square.

JOHN GOSNELL and Co.'s CHERRY TOOTH PASTE is

PRIZE MEDAL, Paris Exhibition of 1855.—METCALFE, BINGLEY, and Co.'s new pattern TOOTHBRUSHES, penetrating hairbrushes, genuine Smyrna sponges, and every description of brush, comb, and perfumery. Metcalfe's celebrated alkaline tooth powder, 2s.-130 B and 131, Oxford-street, W.

KISS-ME-QUICK.—PIESSE and LUBIN's new perfume for this festive season, distilled from fragrant tulips, 2s. 6d bottle; three bottles in a pretty case, 7s. Entered at Stationer's hall, Laboratory of Flowers, 2, New Bond-street.

Sir, Waiting for curry of some sort to arrive at the table in our local Indian restaurant, my son and I discovered that the spoons were made in Korea, knives in Japan, forks in China, ashtrays in France and plates in England.
Neither the vase (with a warning

marks of origin. Ynurs faithfully, JAMES PAGE-ROBERTS, Skamore House, Tangley,

Andover, Hampshire. January 6.

REAGAN SLAMS THE DOOR

President Reagan has acted with tightening of security at Heath cision to go it alone - despite a speed and apparent lack of row - aimed at preventing forlorn call for allied help, equivocation in severing his terrorist attacks. They should be Britain is not at the centre of this country's links with Libya. He viewed not so much as a means: particular row with Libya. It is to has acted alone, has taken a risk, to an end, but an end in be hoped, however, that the has done so with courage and, themselves - the slamming of a American move will not lead to for that much deserves congratu- door by one nation on another: an undignified scramble in As an analysis of his Tuesday deal. It is legitimate, understand-business now going begging.

night press conference however, able - and asks questions of us with Colonel Gadaffi then and relations with Libya in 1984 after to control more efficiently the there. It has been snipping away the shooting in St James's migration of Libyans to and at them, piece by piece, at least Square of WPc Yvonne Fletcher from their capitals. Gadaffi still since May 1978 when it ended all - an act which by its brutality pursues a policy of fighting his supplies of military aircraft. In and irrationality exemplified all 1979 Libya was designated a that is worst about the Gadaffi country which had "repeatedly regime. But the Government did restrictions on visas for Libyans in 1980 the American British community there to leave closely the movements of those embassy in Tripoli was closed; in - except in so far that the embassy in Tripoli was closed; in — except in so far that the who filtered through the net the 1982 the import of Libyan crude Foreign Office advised the 9,000 activities of the colonel's "hit oil was halted; in 1985 the British expatriates to "consider squads" have been contained purchase of refined oil products their position was falled; and products their position was contained. purchase of refined oil products their position very carefully". stopped. Somewhat ironically Some 5,000 are still there.

US business with Libya has risen Nor did Britain end its trade.

slightly during the last two years. Between January and October but only from a level which had last year we still sold £155.3m been sinking towards zero. worth of exports to Libya, and President Reagan has now ended imported £246.5m worth in a trading relationship which return – virtually all of this in included exports valued last year the form of oil. These figures, the form of oil. These figures, effect of rallying Islamic coun-which made Libya our 40th tries behind Gadaffi, although

Another thing Britain might

But proof of their existence still arises from time to time in other parts of Europe. Sir Geoffrey Howe should also

ranean. These actually had the and carried out against the Abu That we are unlikely to do so. Nidal bases deep in Libya. For

CRISIS MONTH FOR SRI LANKA

which divide the people of South Asia, none, perhaps, seems so intractable as the rift between Sri Lanka's Sinhalese and Tamil seeking a military resolution of communities. For the last two the rift. Lanka's Sinhalese and Tamil seeking a miniary resolution of communities. For the last two years the island has existed on worked, however, by the the brink of civil war whilst the manner in which Sri Lanka's believes that the island's Sinhala indisciplined aimed forces of the conflict might reverberate such sharing of government with the Tamil terrorists have indiscriminately attacked innocent civilians. More than a thousand peace talks. The Indians promined to reject any enhancement of the proposed provincial powers. However, by the proposed provincial powers, However, by the proposed provincial powers, However, by the indiscriminately attacked innocent civilians. More than a thousand peace talks. The Indians promined to the proposed provincial powers, However, by the proposed provincial powers, However, by the proposed provincial powers, However, by the indiscription of the proposed provincial powers, However, by the proposed provincial powers, However, by the indiscription of the proposed provincial powers, However, by the indiscription of the proposed provincial powers, However, by the indiscription of the proposed provincial powers, However, by the indiscription of the proposed provincial powers, However, by the indiscription of the right proposed provincial powers, However, by the indiscription of the proposed provincial powers, However, by the indiscription of the proposed provincial powers, However, by the indiscription of the proposed provincial powers, However, by the indiscription of the proposed provincial powers, However, by the indiscription of the proposed provincial powers, However, by the indiscription of the proposed provincial powers, However, by the proposed provincial powers, However, by the indiscription of the proposed provincial powers, However, by the indiscription of the proposed provincial powers, However, by the indiscription of the proposed provincial powers, However, by the indiscription of the proposed provincial powers, However, Bornald Power and However, by the proposed provinci

carnage. Hope for a solution surfaced six months ago when peace talks sponsored by Rajiv Gandhi's Indian government offered the possibility of a resolution between the Tamil demands for a separate country, Eclam, and the Sri Lankan government's determination to retain central: control over the unitary political structure of the island. But now even that possibility is receding. Anxious efforts are presently under way in Colombo to prevent the talks collapsing 100

altogether. The problem goes back to the country's independence in 1948. Under British rule the Tamil community, which was enter-prising and diligent, achieved considerable prominence in commercial and public life. After for the provincial council to independence successive govern- control land settlement and law majority Sinhala community. made clear that they do not The Tamils were made to feel support the Tamil claim to the discriminated, and over succeed- east, the real sticking pointing decades this slowly mined between the two sides is the issue into alienation. In 1983 with the of greater powers for the provinmassacre of Tamils in the cial council. southern half of the island the. In theory this would suggest last opportunity to save Sri links between its races snapped, that a resolution of the conflict. Lanka. The onus rests squarely

Due for shunting?

From Miss C. Reneson Keen

Sir, Your picture (December 30) of

the splendid Flying Scotsman leaving Marylebone station must

gladden the heart of anyone who

wants the best of our railway history

Of all the bitter ethnic conflicts separate nation and their province as a separate homeland. Since then the conflict has been unrelenting, with both sides

people have lost their lives. Sri ised to try to persuade the the President, who is nearly Lanka's famed serendipity has Tamils to give up their claim to eighty, seems to lack either the been reduced to mayhem and Eelam and to accept a cease fire courage or the vision to rise carnage. power by the government in of national statesmanship. Colombo. A ceasefire was agreed. The Tamils informally indicated their willingness to accept a negotiated settlement but the Sri Lankan government has been reluctant to offer suitable terms. In November, after a series of abortive talks, President Jayawardeno proposed a measure of provincial auton-omy. He offered the Tamis a provincial council under an elected chief minister with powors to control subjects such as

health, primary education and civic maintenance. In Tamil eyes, however, it was inadequate. They insisted upon two further conditions: the called off the conflict in Sri linking of the north and east of Lanka between its bitterly-div-Sri Lanka into a single Tamil- ided communities will rapidly speaking province and powers grow. The island could easily ments sought to promote the and order. As the Indians have

In theory this would suggest Last year the Tamils demanded could be around the corner. In

it ever was. For what ought not to be an insurmountable hurdle seems unfortunately to have become one. President Jayawardeno appears to be about to reject any enhancement of the

After six months of effort Mr Gandhi's advisers have let it be known that if the Sri Lankan Government rejects this primary condition for a peaceful settlement the Indians will call off the peace process. Already Mr Gandhi has lost considerable support from India's forty million Tamils and faces growing opposition in his own Congress party for his policies. They view the restraints he has placed on the Tamil guerrilla groups in tho hope of securing a deal as

unjustified. Yet if the peace process is succumb to civil war. People are already talking of a possible Lebanonization of the country. Despite Indian protestations to the contrary, Mr Gandhi may find it impossible to stand by if Sri Lanka's Tamils are killed in increasing numbers. January 1986 may well prove to be the on President Jayawardene's

recognition of themsives as a practice it is in fact as far away as

EXAMPLE TO THE NATION The Marquess of Blandford is ing to figures in Social Trends, mot the first son of an ancient house to be branded a common criminal, nor the first heroin addict to be jailed for breaking a to figures in Social Trends, major impact on the mass of index's would-be drug users. The was in 1982. Nine out of 10 of fallen playboy aristocrat is on another planet as far as the addict to be jailed for breaking a probation order. But the story of 1984 claim addiction to heroin, heroin users in Toxteth are how the highest in the land can All the official figures are concerned. He is not a pop star, fall to the lowest when drugs are accepted to be a mere fraction of he is not a sporting hero. For the

All but one popular newspaper had it as front page news comes at a time when the land is to strain credulity, yesterday – complete with the Government is at the height of Nonetheless, the sentence was grim architectural symmetry an anti-drugs campaign. While not itself exemplarily punitive between Blenheim Palace, to the Home Office Minister, Mr. The screen of Blenheim need. which the Marquess is heir, and David Mellor, legislates and have no sense of injury on his Pentonville Prison, which will be lectures on the prevention of own account. If, like so many of his home for the coming months. trafficking it is useful to have the his illustrious forebears, he can Of course, Horseferry Road reminder that the simple use of be a useful example to the Magistrate, Mr Eric Crowther, illegal drugs is an illegal act – and nation, that is at least a small deliberately chose his words to that all are equal before this gain from one more British drug have a deterrent effect. Accord- same law. The example of Lord tragedy.

and maintain such engines and the

engines themselves with a home. If

British Rail's present plan to close

the station completely is approved by the Government, where in central London can the work be continued? The St Marylebone Society has

recommended that a rail service be

taken" has an irresistible appeal. the true level of the problem. magistrate to call him "one of All but one popular newspaper" Lord Blandford's sentence the most powerful men in the

jnumeys that the public enjoy on

We have heard nothing to suggest that the Scotsman and its brothers will be welcomed at Baker Street or Paddington together with the 1,600 daily passengers who regularly use Marylebone.

retained and continue to serve the Yours faithfully, to be preserved in working order. 1,600 daily passengers as well as C. RENESON KEEN, Chairman,
Marylebone station at present providing facilities for locomotive. The St Marylebone Society,
provides the volunteers who restore restoration and the very popular 20 Upper Montagu Street, W1. Sir, In his article, "The politics of unemployment" (December 31), David Felton refers to taking a place on the Youth Training Scheme as an option open to 16/17-year-old school leavers who fail to acquire a lob or place on a foll-time further job or place on a full-time further edocation course. In spite of some circumspection

amnigst young people and their parents that YTS is a political ploy to reduce unemployment figures, the scheme has been successful, and in time will probably become accepted as the normal route forward for all young people - better than simply obtaining a job and not just for those whn fail to bag a job. The YTS offers planned training and work experience, guidance and support, rarely

City's aid effort From Miss Amelia Taylor

Sir, Mr R. Langridge (January 4) asks why the City has kept such a low profile compared with the fundraising effirits of other sections of British society. I would like to inform him that "City Aid" does indeed exist in the form of a charity called The Square Mile Charitable

Trust. We staged a Christmas rock and jazz gala concert at the Mermaid Theatre on December 15, in order to raise money. All the acts had City connections and included per-formers from financial institutions. Over £17.000 was raised, which we decided to give, not to famine relief, but to British charities. It might nm be quite equal to Geldof's £50 million, but it's a start. The concert is the first of many events we intend to organise in order to raise funds for charity. Ynnrs faithfully.

Born to blush unseen

AMELIA TAYLOR, Secretary,

rince Rnpert House, 4 Queen Street, EC4.

65 Bridge Street,

Lampeter,

January 3.

January 6.

The Square Mile Charitable Trust,

From the Chairman of the Kilvert

Society Sir, The Rev John Ticehurst asks Balancing out (January 3) whether anyone knew a Kerenhappuch. I have not, but the Rev Francis Kilvert noted in his diary that after a wedding in Langley Burrell, Wiltshire, on New Year's Day, 1873 "the bride, now Mrs Bethell, insisted on our writing her name in the books we had given her, insisting however, on our writing 'Keren' without the 'Happuch' ". Ynurs faithfully, D. T. W. PRICE, Chairman, The Kilvert Society,

Sir, Ken Terry's letter (January 3) substitutes the word "boycott" for "racially offensive" black in respect of MP Colin Moynihan's dispute with Mr Terry's union, Nalgo. But in reverting tn "boycott", is

Ynurs faithfully. W. PARTINGTON. 109 Coniston Road, Bromley,

January 3.

l St George's Road, Sandwich, Kent.

Yours sincerely. DAVID HARRIS.

From Mr Walter Partington

prejudice, intolerance and hatred in its day?

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

ANDRINGHAM January 8: The Prince Edward this evening attended a Reception at the Town Hall, King's Lynn, in connection with The Duke of Edinburgh's Industrial Award Scheme (West Norfolk)

His Royal Hijshness was received.

His Royal Highness was received upon arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Norfolk (Mr Tim-

othy Colman).
Wing Commander Adam Wise was in attendance.
By command of The Queen, the Viscount Long (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport.

Marriages The Hon Mark Wyndham

end Mrs P. Garnett The marriage has taken place between the Hon Mark Wyndham and Mrs Patricia Garnett. Mr W. M. Heath

and Miss M-R H. Giedrove The marriage took place on January 3 in the Basilica of St Peter, Vallean City, Rome, of Mr William Heath, City, Rome, of Mr William Heath, younger son of Sir Mark and Lady Heath, of A101 Tregunter, 14 Tregunter Path, Hong Kong, and Miss Mary-Rose (Coky) Gedroyc, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs. Michal Giedroyc, of 4 Western Road, Oxford, Mgr L. Tulaba officiated

officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by her sister, Miss Melanie Giedroye, Mr Nicholas Heath. hrother of the bridegroom, was best

and Miss J. M. Dittmar

The marriage took place quietly in December 1985, at the Parish Church of St Cuthbert, Lytham, Lancashire, between Mr James Gordon Bradshaw, of Lytham, only son of the late Mr and Mrs J. Goodier Bradshaw, and Miss Jane Margaret Dittmar, of Welburn, North Yorkshire, twin daughter of Mrs L. V. Dittmar and the late Mr Ralph Dittmar, of Stockton-on-

Tees. Mr G. J. C. Schofield and Mrs S. J. Roberts

A service of blessing was held on Christmas Eve at the Church of St Thomas-on-the-Bourne. Farnham. Surrey, after the marriage, in Essex, of Mr Giles Schofield, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Schofield, of Farnham, and Mrs Susan Roberts, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. J. Jefford, of Wickford, Essex.

London this afternoon upon the arrival of The King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and welcomed His Majesty on behalf of

Her Majesty. The Duchess of Keni will take the Lord High Admiral's Divisions at the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, on April to.
The Duchess of Kent will open the first phase of the Glenfield General Hospital and will visit the new fire service control centre and the

service control centre and the Belgrave Family Centre, Leicester, on March 10. A memorial service for Sir James and the Hon Lady Pitman will be held at Si Margaret's Westminster on Saturday, January 11, at noon.

Luncheon

Nigerian-British Chamber Commerce The president and members entertained the Nigerian Federal Minister of External Affairs at luncheon at the Cafe Royal yesterday. Representatives of the Nigerian Ministry of External Affaires, the Nigerian High Com-mission and HM Government

Reception

Foundation for Science and Tech nology Mr Geoffrey Panie, Minister for

Information Technology, was pre-sent at a reception given by the Foundation for Science and Techhouse of the Royal Society. Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, was in the chair and the annual techoology forecast was given by Dr D. Davies, Mr W. G. T. Jones, Professor T. Sionier and Professor R, William-

Dinner

Sherlock Halmes Society of London The annual dinner of the Sherlock Holmes Society of London was held last night at the Charing Cross Hotel. Mr Frank Allen, president, was in the chair and the guest of honour was Mr Jeremy Potter. Mr Bernard Davies, chairman, and Miss Elaine Hamill also spoke.

Latest wills

Pmfessor Rodney Robert Porter, FRS, of Hailey, Witney, Oxford-shire, former Whitley professor of hiochemistry at Oxford University. who died as the result of a road accident, left estate valued at £222,559 net.

Admiral Sir William Pillar, Lieute ant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Jersey, was present at the swearing in of the island's new bailiff, Mr Peter Crill, in the Royal Court, St Helier, on Saturday by the Hooorary Lieutenant Bailiff, Jurat

Henry Perrée.
The Dean of Jersey, the Very Rev
Basil O'Ferrall, officiated at a
service of thanksgiving held afterwards at SI Helier Parish Church. Among those present were: The Lieutenant-Governor of Guernsey and Lady Boswell, the Permanent Under Secretary of State

at the Home Department and Lady Cubbon, Lady Pillar, the Deemster of the Isle of Man and Mrs Luft, the Father of the House, Senator Ralph Vibert, and representatives of the church, commerce and industry.

Birthdays today

Major D. S. Allhusen, 72: Sir Rudolf. Bing, 84: Mr George Buchanan, 82: Sir John Buckley, 73: Miss Simone de Beauvoir, 78: Mr Clive Dunn, 64: Admiral Sir Guy Grantham, 86: Father Benedict Green, 62. Mr Terry Hands, 45: Mr David Holbrook, 63: Sir Glyn Jones, 78: Mr Richard Nixon, 73: Admiral Sir Frederick Parham, 85; Mr Ralph Tubbs, 74: Mr David Watt, 54: the Tubbs, 74; Mr David Watt, 54; the Right Rev F. H. West, 77; Miss sannah York, 44.

Harrow School

Easter term begins at Harrow School today. R. A. Pyman (Elmfield) is head of school. The competition for music scholarships will be held on February 10, and for academic, art and computing scholarships on March 3. Half-term exeat will extend from February 12-

Founders day will be held on February 22. The Bishop of Willesden will hold a confirmation on March 16. Mozart's Acis and Galatea will be performed on January 27 and 28 and Carl Orff's Carmina Burana on March 15 and

Abbots Bromley (School of St Mary and St Anne)

Lent term begins today and ends on March 26. Clare Machin remains head girl. Confirmation is on February 9. The London meeting of

(Woodard Corporation)

the guild is on February 22. The senior choir will sing evensong in Lichfield Cathedral on March 19.

Science report

Cell research offers hope to diabetics

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Research into methods of treating diabetes by replacing the faulty cells of the pancreas, which are failing to produce insulin to regulate the level of glucose in the blood, is showing promising

In the long term the blood, is showing promising results.

In the long term the advance could produce a cure for the disorder but the immediate objective is to find an alternative to

a transplant of the pancreas when the condition has gone beyond normal means of control. Effective management of the s on n dev-b sis comes with striking a balance between dietary intake and insulin injections. Otherwise glucose in the blood is neither taken up by the body and used as fuel, not is it stiored properly. It accumulates in the blood and becomes a toxin.

The cause of the trouble lies in a deficiency of the B cells of the pancreas, which are located in dusters of cells called the islets of Langerhans. The possibility of transplanting a healthy organ

seemed a reasonable approach after the success of kidney transplants. There has been some progress. One difficulty arises because the pancreas also secretes

other digestive enzymes, which interfere with acceptance of a onnr organ. An alternative would be to separate the islets from the rest of the tissue of a healthy organ and

the tissue of a healthy organ and implant them into the damaged pancreas. Attempts to extract just the tissue containing the B cells, which are scattered throughout the organ, have been unsuccessful.

Various methods have been tried, but they produced only about one per cent of the cells in preparations that contained.

in preparations that contained impurities. The advance has come at the Nuffield department of surgery at Oxford University, where Dr Derek Gray working with Pro-fessor P. J. Morris, the kidney transplant specialist, has devised a way of separating islets from the human pancreas by non-mechanical means. A picture of an isolated human islet as seen under the microscope, showing clearly

the B cells, is contained in a bulletin of the Medical Research

It accompanies a report outlining the method of dissolving the unwanted tissue to leave an extract containing the islets. The technique depends on using the enzyme collagenase to disintegrate the structure of the pancreas.

This biochemical for dissolving collagen, or connective tissue of the body, has been tried pro-viously. The trick which Dr Gray has perfected depends on the way the enzyme is introduced into the pancreas and the conditions in which the tissue is kept during the

which the rissue is kept during the process of disintegration.

The new extracts contain between 10 and 20 per cent of the islet mass of the pancreas, with a purity so far of 10 to 40 per cent of islet tissue against unwanted islet tissue against unwanted exocrine tissue. Preliminary tests have shown the extracts are fully viable and can withstand processes such as transplantation storage by freezing.

Source: Medical Research Council



Mr Norman admiring a £2 coin issued yesterday which he has designed for the Royal Mint to commemorate the Commonwealth Games being held in Scotland this summer. The last £2 coin was struck in 1902. The mint does not expect the coin to go into general circulation (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Howell's School, Denbigh

Spring Term begins today at Howell's School, Denbigh and finishes on March 26. Miss Dodd (languages) has received a travel grant from the Goldsmiths' Com-pany and will spend the summer term studying in Greece. To assist in updating the list of old girls, would Old Howellians not in receipt of school communications please make contact with the school

Rossall School Lent Term at Rossall School begins

today. The Bishop of Lancaster will de at the confirmation service to be held in chapel on Sunday, February 23. Bach's St Matthew Passion will be sung in St John's Parish Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, February 22 by the combined choirs of Rossall and Warbreck High Schools. The Inspector, adapted by Ian Robson from Gogol, will be produced in hig school on February 10-12. Trial by Jury will be presented in the Museum Theatre on March 25 and Museum Theatre on March 25 and 26. The W. H. Budge Memorial Sevens for preparatory schools will be held on Sunday, March 2. The Old Rossallian bockey matches will be played on field and shore on Saturday, March 22, preceded by the Lancashire branch dinner on Friday, March 21 at the North Euston Hotel.

St George's College Weybridge

Easter Term begins today and ends on March 21. The lower school play, Unman, Withering and Zigo, is on March 6. Old Georgians' day is on March 16 and at 7.15 the choir will be presenting the Nelson Mass by Hayda.

St Lawrence College

ends on March 22. Gary Jones is head of school, Rosemary Hawkins head girl and Grant Hewitt-Coleman captain of hockey. Confirmation, conducted by the Bishop of Dover, is on February 23. The sixth form scholarship and places exam-ination is on February 6/7 and the preparatory schools open day on March 11. Mr Binfield will produce Twelfth Night on March 13, 14 and 15. Old Lawrentian day is March 22. The preparatory schools' hockey festival takes place at the college from March 24 to 26.

More money for lending rights

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The vagaries of the postal But at the same time the service permitting 549 authors number of writers eligible for service permitting 549 authors found themselves promoted into the £1,000-plus league of PLR was increased to include those whose books were less writers receiving money from the Public Lending Right scheme yesterday, 172 more than 32 pages in length (principally children's authors), translators, co-authors, and writers in West Germany where British then last year. writers already receive a PLR

The payments, based on the borrowings of books from British libraries for the 12 months from July 1984 will confirm the pre-eminence of Catherine Cookson oo Britain's library shelves. Books under her own name and the pseudonym Catherine Marchant accounted for 25 of the 100 most borrowed titles according to the registrar of Public Lending Right.

Miss Cookson's popularity fell by two titles on the previous year, but she remains well ahead of the rest of the field. The next most borrowed writer was Wilbur Smith, with nine titles in the top 100.

The money from the Govern-writing but for many people nent available for distribution every little belps", Miss James ment available for distribution to nuthors rose from £1,655,000 to £2,406,000, giving writers
1.27p every time ooc of their scheme received less than £100 books is borrowed compared and 2,433 were paid between with 0.92 last year.

Latest appointments | Culford School

Latest appointments include: Mr John Downes Alliott, QC, to be a Justice of the High Court in the

Mr R. K. Miller 10 be solicitor of Inland Revenue from February 3, in succession to Mr R. S. Boyd, who is principal assistant solicitor from the

Mr Paul Edwards to succeed Mr John Popham as director of the Suffolk Preservation Society. Mr Rupert Pennant-Rea to be Editor of The Economist. He is at

£100 and £499.

Spring Term started on January 7.
The Founders' Day lecture entitled
"The Convictions of a Magistrate"
will be given by Lady Raiphs, on January 25. She Steeps to Conquer, produced by Mrs Gillian Grinham. will be presented on February 12, 13 and 14 and The King and I will be performed on March 14 and 15. Term ends on March 21,

Mr John Sumsion, the PLR

registrar, said that the top-earn-

ing authors, who receive the

maximum payment of £5.010

had been joined by about five

ehildren's authors because of

the change in rules, and there

had also been ao increase in the

number of top-earners, because

more well-known authors had

ennble some people to be full-

time writers who would other-

wise have to write part-time. "I

have been very lucky with my

joined the scheme.

University

news Darhaus Dr M. C. Prestwich has been

present the magazine's economics editor. appointed charman of the board of studies in history. Mr J. C. Ormonde and Miss G. C. Kidd

The engagement is announced betwen James, son of Mr and Mrs R. C. Ormonde, of Tatsfield, Kent, and Geraldine, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Kidd, of Westerham, Kent.

Mr C. Pimlott and Miss J. Tilson The engagement is announced between Christopher, youngest son of Mr an Mrs A. Pimlott, of

St. And Jayne, or Beckenham, Kent, and Jayne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs L. Tilson, of Princeville, Illinois, United States.

The engagement is announced between Keith Alexander, elder son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Sharp, of Hadley Wood, Hertfordshire, and Mary Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Akester, of Chimick Mr J. A. D. Symington and Miss H. Y. Price

the engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mrs R. C. Taylor and the late Mr R. C. Taylor, of Denbury, Devon, and Anna, second daughter of Dr J. E. Marrett and the late Mrs J. E. Marrett, of Sandon Essex. Mr M. I. Wells and Miss A. V. Hurst

Victoria, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. G. Hurst, of Willaston-in-Wirral, Cheshire.

OBITUARY M PIERRE FOURNIER Distinguished French cells

concerto soloist, for his cultivated, warm tooe and for his Gallic in its stylistic reticence and care for the small points of modest appearance belied the interpretation

He was born in Paris the son of a French army general, on June 24, 1906, and studied at of a French army general, on June 24, 1906, and studied at the Paris Conservatoire, where he later taught. He made his debut in 1925, and quickly established a reputation for himself as n fastidious in
total concentration. He was very active in the recording studies during the recording studies during the rated readings lending them. terpreter.

in 1943 he took over from with a number of notable Beethoven chamber music players, and Kempfi, began to make his mark on the Of late international scene as a con- had been markedly reduced in certo soloist, playing in all the number, but whenever he major musical centres.

Pierre Fournier the dis-tinguished French cellist died at gave the premiere of Roussel's his home in Geneva yesterday Cello Concerto.

In the post-war era when at the age of 79.

He was noted both as a Casals for political reasons did ehamber music player and as n not return to this country Fournier became a great favourite with British andiences, The vated, warm tooe and for its musical discernment, typically slight figure, crippled by polic fallic its its stylistic reticence contracted as a child, and energy and enthusiasm of his

total concentration. medium. Particula In 1943 he took over from were his uses a common Casals as cellist in the trio with Cello Concerto. Strays's Don Thibaud and Corton After the Quixote (which he recorded with Karajan), and on the Beethoven Somats. were his discs of the Dwarak

playing, which always suggested

Of late his public appearances returned to this country he was Several works were written always welcome. He will be long for him, among them Frank remembered both as a player Martin's Cello Concerto and and as a sympathetic teacher.

voice which was a rare pleasure

He had a facility for words

THE REV ROBERT FOXCROFT

The Rev Robert Foxoroft Peter's charge in Haminer died on New Year's Day, aged smith. When he broadcast the 45. He had been vicar of St imagination of thousands who 45. He had been vicar of St imagination of thousands who Peter's. Hammersmith since do not go to church was engit the large through the personal and original known for his radio broadcast-ideas which he expressed in a

Since 1971, when he was to listen to. curate of St Nicholas, Chiswick, he had been a regular presenter and a love of the language. of Radio 4 documentaries, which might have and him to including the prize-winning another career, he read for the programme on Martin Luther. Bar at one time, and he apposed the company and the aeroal on "Thought for the Day".

From 1972-5 he was a chaplain to the Honourable Artillery Company, serving in Germany and Northern Ireland. From the time he had an operation for cancer of the kidney in 1983 he shared his experience of terminal illness. with the radio audience, especially in a noteworthy series of Holy Week talks last year. His honesty, frankness and wry sense of humour enabled him to

He will be sadly missed by the radio nudience, his congregation, his colleagues, and particularly, of course, by his wife Rosemary and three young came to terms with it. Her

offer encouragement, faith and

hope to n vast number of

According to P. D. James, who is the president of the Society of Authors, PLR can Robert Foxcroft was a man of will be remembered by except many talents. He filled St one who heard them.

MR TYGE DAHLGAARD Tyge Dahlgaard, the Danish Danish Foreign Service in 1949, Ambassador io London died He served in most parts of after an illoess of some months, the world in posts in Geneva-on December 20 nt the age of Paris and Washington and as

64. an Ambassador to Brussels;
Born on April 8, 1921, Belgrade, Tokyo. The Hague
Dahlgaard spent a lifetime in and London where he was
the Danish diplomatic service. accredited to the Court of St The soo of an outstanding James in 1981. -" Liberal politician, Bertel For a brief interval in 1966—Dahlgaard, who for many years 67 he joined the cabinet of the was a cabinet member in late Socialist premier Jens Office coalition governments with the Krag. Social Democrats, he grew up He was Minister for Trade with politics. But unlike his Nordic Relations and later older brother, Lauge Dahlgaard, European Community Affairs

He was Minister for Trade

Greville Wynne, and the KGB days later, through Wynno has Colonel Oleg Penkovsky, who said he committed suicide in were charged with betraying prison. Russian secrets to the West in Moscow in 1963. Gorny, who was born in the

prosecution service before being appointed Chief Military Procurator in 1957.
As such in 1963 he conducted

the prosecution case against Wynne and Penkovsky who had been arrested the previous year and charged with spying for the British and American intelligence services.

The case, which went on amid wide publicity and intense international interest, ended 1979, died on January 4 and 1979.

with Wynne pleading guilty age of 76. He was birar of with reservations". He was Cockermouth from 1962 to sentenced to eight years 1970 and Archdeacost of West imprisonment of which he Cumberland from 1958 to 1970.

mission, Federation of Rhodosias and Nyasaland



BCC announces that from 8th January, 1986 its base rate is changed from 111/2% to 121/2%

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Mr J. W. F. North and Miss L. A. van der Meulen The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Sir Jonathan North, Bt. and Lady North, of Frogmore, Weston-Under-Penyard, Herefordshire, and Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. A.

van der Meulen, of Kasama, Zambia.

Dr H. C. Breitmeyer and Miss D. M. Wrigley

The engagement is announced between Hugo, eldest son of the late Mr Charles Breitmeyer and Lady Kennard, of Tiverton, Devon, and Diana, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs M. H. Wrigley, of Ganton, Mr C. W. Smyth-Osboarne and Miss J. M. Cubitt The engagement is announced between Charles William, eldest son of Colonel and Mrs E. T. Smyth-Osbourne, of Thorpe Mandeville

Court, Barbury, Oxfordshire, and Joanna Mary, elder daughter of Sir Hugh and Lady Cubitt, of Chapel House, West Humble, Dorking.

Mr A. Hughes and Miss E. A. Hoole The engagement is announced between Stephen John, younger son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Hughes, of Liverpool, and Elizabeth Anne, younger daughter of Sir Arthur and Mr M. G. Archer, RAF

The engagement is announced between Matthew George, younger son of Wing Commander H. D. Archer (retd), and the late Mrs Archer, of Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire, and Sally, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Birch, of Bushey Hertfordshire.

Bushey, Hertfordshire. Count Michael Badeni and Miss S. P. Briggs

and Miss S. J. Birch

The engagement is announced between Michael Stefan, only son of Count and Countess Badeni, of Norton Manor, Malmesbury, Wiltshire and Sarah Peta, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Briggs, of Levenside, Hutton Rudby, York-

Mr H. Blacksell

and Miss M. Allardice The engagement is announced between Heary, son of Mr and Mrs. J. E. Blacksell, of Orchard House, Barnstaple, Devon and Miranda, only daughter of Judge and Mrs William Allardice, of Dunston,

Major H. A. Baillie. and Miss S. F. Willway

The engagement is announced between Hubert Baillie, Grenadier Guards, younger son of Mrs Gucewicz-Baillie and the late Captain A. M. Gucewicz-Baillie and Sarah, elder daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs M. L. Willway, of

Mr J. A. C. Bradley and Miss A. J. Turner The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of Mr and Mrs P. F. Bradley, of Petworth,

Sussex, and Amanda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. W. S. Turner, of Old Redding, Middlesex. and Miss S. C. Rigby The engagement is announced between Colin, youngest son of the late Mr Frank Cortield and of Mrs Patrick Talbot-Smith, Northiam, Sussex, and Suzie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Rigby, Northiam,

Mr R. T. W. Dain and Senorita R. A. Gómez

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs W. M. Dain, of Mariborough. Wiltshire, and Rosa, daughter of Señor and Señora V. R. Gömez, of Viña del Mar, Chile. Mr A. W. Ferguson and Miss T. W. George

The engagement is announced between Alistair, ynunger son of Mr and Mrs W. Ferguson, of Edinburgh and Rome, and Tamara, daughter of

Mr T. J. C. Fooks and Miss S. E. Davenport

The engagement is announced between Tim, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Fooks, of Trechurst, Sussex, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Davenport of

Mr P. J. Frank and Miss M. C. Wilkinson The engagement is announced between Peter Jonathan, only son of Mr and Mrs C. M. Frank, of Lindfield, West Sussex, and Mary Catherine, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs H. W. Wilkinson, of Clevedon,

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. C. Frankis and Miss S. J. Clifford The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Mr and Mrs P. R. Frankis, of Seaford, Sussex, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. J. Clifford, of Oversley Grange Farm, Alcester, Warwick,

Mr P. M. Hanley and Miss J. L. Holt

The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Hanley, of Blundellsands, Lancashire, and Jacqueline, daughter of Mr Derek Holt, of Poynton, Cheshire, and Mrs Mavis Williams, of Heaton Mersey, Cheshire.

Mr P. J. Hatherell and Miss M. J. Botcherby

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs J G Hatherell, of Frant Road, Tunbridge Wells, and Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs R B Botcherby, of Forest Road, Tunbridge Wells.

DF: P. A. Holmes and Miss E. A. Wangh and Miss E. A. Wangh.

The engagement is announced between Paul, youngest son of Mrs Dorothy Holmes, of Briar Cottage, Moorfield Road, Ben Rhydding, likley, and the late Mr Gordon Holmes, of likley, and Elspeth Anne, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Norman Waugh, of Cairadene, St Baldred's Road, North Berwick, Fast Lothian

Mr T. A. Justin and Miss J. E. McKinlay

East Lothian

The engagement is announced between Timothy Andrew, elder son of the Rev G. L. and Mrs Justin, of Frinton-on-Sea, and Jane Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D. K. McKinlay, of Great Bentley,

Mr B. S. Keating and Miss C. F. Romer her engagement is announced between Brendan Samuel, son of Mr and Mrs S. P. Keating, of Wallasey, Cheshire, and Caroline Frances, daughter of Commander and Mrs R. M. Romer, of Sion Lodge, Sion Hill, Bath. The engagement is announced

Mr R. G. Kettle and Miss E. J. Briggs The engagement is announced

between Gavin, elder son of he late Major R. B. Kettle, DL and Mrs R. B. Kettle, of Pipers Hill, Bishops h. Reine, of Pipers Hill, Bisnops Itchington, near Learnington Spa, Warwickshire and Jane, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs W. F. E. Briggs, of The Down House, stock, Winchester, Hampshire.

Mr M. D. Knight and Miss S. M. J. McMaster The engagement is announced between Martyn Drysdale, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. M. D. Knight, of Wepham, West Sussex and Abbots-

bury, London and Sarah Margaret Julia, daughter of Dr and Mrs A. B. M. McMaster, of Cross House, West

Mr R. J. Lewin and Miss S. A. Relton The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs R. F. Lewin, of Ashurst Wood, East Grinstead; Sussex and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs S. Relton, of Waldegrave Park, Twickenham.

Mr A. G. Macmillan and Miss K. M. Dykins

The engagement is announced between Arthur Gordon, elder son of Mr and Mrs George Macmillan, of Renfrewshire, and Karen Margaret, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Dykins, of Durban, South Africa.

The engagement is announced between Patrick, son of the laie Mr M. F. McTiernan and Mrs McTiernan, of Wellington, Shrupshire, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. D. Musgrove, of Flore, Northamptonshire.

Mr P. McTiernan and Miss E. Musgrove

Mr A. Marriott and Miss G. R. Raikes The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs Graham Marriott, of Blackpool, and Gillian, daughter of the late Major Duncan Raikes and of Mrs Dorothea Raikes, of Brecon, Popus

Mr A. Mitchell

The engagement is announced between Anthony, eldest son of Wing Commander J. Mitchell and the late Mrs C. M. M. Mitchell, of Ballinger, Buckinghamshire, and Fiona, the elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Wood, of Cortijo Grande, Mr T. L. Morgan and Miss V. A. Symondson

The engagement is announced between Launcelot, only son of Mr and Mrs W. R. Morgan, of Bewelley, and Victoria, youngest daughter of Mr P. Symondson, of Malvern, and

Worcestershire.

Mr B. D. Nicholson and Miss K. C. Hindle The engagement is announced between Brian, son of Dr and Mrs K. D. Nicholson, of Wellington, New Zealand, and Kalle, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs W. Hindle,

of Wimbourne, Dorset.

Mr M. J. P. Noble and Miss E. M. Huckin

Mr. J. G. M. North

The engagement is annouaced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs C. P. Noble, of Dodleston, Chester, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P. H. Huckin, of Headley, Hampshire.

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mrs G. M. North, of Worthing and Jeanette, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. J. Iles, of Dr C. Pierson and Miss M. J. Peyton Jones

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs J. Pierson, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, and Meridee Jane, second daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs J. H. Peyton Jones. also of St Albans.

Mr A. Siese and Miss F. Collins .

The engagement is announced between Andrew, third son of Mr and Mrs John Siese, of Wimbledon, and Fions, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Collins, of Cuckfield,

Mr K. A. Sharp and Miss M. E. Akester

Hooley, of Mathon,

The engagement is announced between John, son-of Mr and Mrs I. D. F. Symington, of Oporto, Portugal, and Helen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T. G. Price, of London. Mr R. D. Taylor and Miss A. C. Marrett

The engagement is announced between Michael ian, youngest son of Mrs E. M. Wells, and of the late Mr. R. F. Wells, of Bristol, and Anne

Captain D. C. Whittaker and Miss R. M. Fenture

The engagement is announced between David Whittaker, Royal Engineers; son of Mr and Mrs R. W. Whittaker, of Heathfield, Sussex, and Rosamond, daughter of Mr and Mrs K. S. B. Fentum, of Rotherfield, Sussex.

Mr N: M. Whittaker and Miss J. M. Conison

The engagement is announced between Neil, third son of Mr and Mrs J. R. Whittaker, of Lincoln, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Coulson, of Carbridge, Northumberland.

absurdities of lawyers. He could well have been professional musician and he had a musical car, memory and knowledge, which not many amateurs possess. He had lew prejudices, apart from a dislike of sloppy thinking and sloppy sentiments, which may have

stemmed from a che education. His astringent wit was a source of much pleasure, though there were occasions when people were apt to wonder if they had heard him correctly.

We looked on at the appalling march of his illness with give and total admiration for the way that he and Rosemary courage matched bis. His broadcasts when he talked about his iliness and his faith

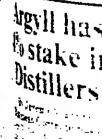
who followed the family tradi- in a most demanding period in tion, ran for Parliament and recent diplomatic history which, later became a cabinet member, eventually led up to Demark's Tyge Dahlgaard chose a diplo-joining the EEC together with matic career and joined the Britain.

GENERAL ARTEM GORNY

General Artem Grigorevich served 18 months before being Gorny, who has died at the age exchanged for the Russian spy, of 73, was Chief Military Gordon Lousdale.

Procurator of the USSR. As Penkovsky was pleading such he played the leading guilty, was sentenced to death, a prosecution role in the trial sentence the Russian authorities. of the British businessman announced was carried out five

Sir Thomas Chegwidden, CB. CVO, who died on January 4 at Ukraine, had spent his entire the age of 90, was Under Scoarmy career in the military fetary Ministry of Production retary Ministry of Production from 1942 to 1946 and Civilian Director of Studies at the Imperial Defence College in 1946-7. Later he held a number of posts in Rhodesia including that of chairman of historim Federal Public Service Com-



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IN BRIEF

Boom year

for loans

The boom in consumer lending continued in the second half of last year with the

increase in personal lending by banks rising to double that of

the previous six months, ac-

cording to figures published by the Bank of England yesterday. Over the year to November 20,

1985, mortgage lending by

banks jumped by more than £4 billion to £20 billion, an

increase of 24 per cent on the

previous year. Other types of

personal loans in the same

period rose 18 per cent to £20

In the three months to mid-

November, the Bank's figures

show that half the total rise in

bank lending in personal loans,

was matching the increase in

quarters the £4.6 billion in-

crease in personal lending was

double the rise in the preceding

Lending to manufacturing

industry also rose slightly in the

three mooths to mid-Novemb-

er, up £523 million, following a

The National Coal Board has

C. H. Beazer, the housebuild-

ing group, yesterday increased its shares in takeover target

Asda-MFI Group lifted its profits from £72.6 million to

£72.7 million before tax in the

six months to November 9.

the interim dividend has been raised from 1.16 to 1,25p.

A £130,000 "gniden handshake" is shown in the

latest annual report from Tate & Lyle for Mr Michael Attfield,

who had been responsible for sugar trading. He resigned as a director last June.

Fermenta, the Swedish phar-

maceutical company, has acquired control of Volvo's

pharmaceutical interests in a

complex arrangement that gives

Volvo a 20 per cent state in

Butcher launch

Mr John Butcher, Industry

Under Secretary yesterday

launched the Association of

Quality Management Consult-

ants, a professional body to help

UK industry improve

Nationwide up

Volvo stake

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French Kier to 45 per cent.

Asda ahead

billion.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

First base rate rise perhaps not the last

A year ago Treasury officials and the Yesterday was the fifth such session, and Chancellor of the Exchequer sat in frozen thanks largely to the impact of the base horror as sterling crashed towards parity rate rises the net result since New Year's with the dollar. They are determined not Day has been a decline of 7.6 to 1,123.8 in to repeat the experience.

At the first sign of real pressure on the exchange rate, they have acted promptly, with Midland leading (a promising sign) bank base rates yesterday were pushed up a point to 12½ per cent.

Mrs Thatcher's Government can still hang on to its inflation forcasts but the market is not yet convinced that a point on interest rates will be enough to stop the he calls the Santa Claus Rally - that period erosion of confidence over the past six-

Early in December, the authorities opted to contain the pressure on sterling by spending the reserves; witness the \$416 million underlying fall last month. Sterling nevertheless continued to weaken. In December it fell 10 pfennigs against the

Meanwhile, the sterling which the authorities acquired via exchange rate intervention needs to be brought within the UK monetary sector to secure a return. This may or may not account for the huge rise of £1.8 billion in the supply of deposits from the UK monetary sector to the London and Scottish Banks in the banking month of December. Nevertheless, the level of bank lending did rise during the period under review from an underlying £1.6 billion to over £2 billion. Unsettling reserve figures were immediately followed by poor monetary numbers. At such a juncture, sterling rates had nowhere to go but upward.

But sterling was still down another 10 pfennigs against the DM during January, until late yesterday and at 77.9 fluttering below the deemed floor of the trading band of the trade-weighted index. And the action has not really started yet on the oil front. Over the New Year, the spot oil price was relatively firm.

The authorities may therefore have to go through another set pattern of responses again shortly, if there are further. threats to sterling. The net affect may be to push rates higher, erode the Reserves base and still help drag sterling lower.

In the short term, this prospect is likely to be overlooked. The gilts market ended the day on a firm note, and sterling improved by some 5 piennigs against the DM, closing at DM 3.56. The Government Broker was in the market and £1.2 billion bid for Plessey; it has been selling hand. As buyers came in for gitts/he? chosen to head the first phase of the exhausted most of his, £600 million. Research and Development Communi-December bundle of taplets.

The Chancellor himself has become a well-nigh invisible figure pre-Budget purdah? And his current thinking on such improtant questions as the impace on UK ourput of rising real interest rates is not: known. But there is no doubt that the continued repid growth in broad money has materially affected money market

confidence. The market is already alarmed by the strength of final UK demand. November retail sales rose by 3.1 per cent in volume to a record 117.6, and the December figure is expected to show even more buoyancy. Traders yearn for some evidence of a disciplined approach to the economy, and in the meantime, signal their dissent in the time-honoured way - by selling.
Few, if any, sterling crises have been

resolved by a single base rate hike, and most traders went home last night expecting at least another point on base rates before confidence begins to return. But if tax cuts are scheduled then yesterday's increase in money rates may be just the start of a protracted upwardmovement in base rates.

Stormy weather on market barometer

Distillers

By Jeremy Warner

Business Correspondent

Argyll Group yesterday ex-tended its £1.9 billion takeover

bid for Distillers until 3 pm on January 28 after receiving acceptances for 2.72 per cent of

Distillers' shares from 4,242

Argyll said it was encouraged by the acceptance level, which, it claimed, was higher than

normal at this early stage in a takeover battle. Combined with

the company's previous 1.26 per cent holding, it gives Argyll control of nearly 4 per cent.

But Distillers said the acceptances showed that Argyll had

failed to make any real progress
Mr John Connell, the chair-

man, said: "This is no doubt due in part to its complete

inadequacy and it must also reflect shareholders' recognition

of Argyll's lack of understan-

ding of Distillers' international drinks business and of Argyll's failure to disclose any construc-tive plans for the future."

Both sides are still nervously

awaiting a decision from Mr-

Leon Brittan, the Trade and Industry Secretary, on whether

to refer the offer to the

Monopolies Commission.

Yesterday's sharp fall on the stock market could not have come at a worse moment for those who follow the statistical runes. For there is a well-researched theory, propagated by the controversial Robert Beckman, that the year as a whole will follow the pattern up down or sideways, of the year's first five trading sessions.

the FT 30-share index. Mr Beckman is an apocalyptic bear, his Investors Bulletin has been forecasting Armaggedon for as long as anyone can remember. Naturally he will seize on any evidence that we are heading for a significant downturn. However, he claims that a bear market has always resulted if these first five days' trading retrace what of euphoria between Christmas Eve and January 3, when the critical guard is at its lowest and the air is thick with New Year share recommendations.

The Santa Claus rally includes the twonormally most bullish days of the year, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. True to form, the FT index rose from 1,113.5 to 1,149.6 a healthy 3.2 per cent increase.

But, says Mr Beckman, whenever the first five trading days of the New Year have retraced those gains, without expectation, a bear market has followed. Happily for the bulls, we are still 10.3 above the index reading on the morning of December 24, so the barometer is wavering between cloudy and stormy.

The next landmark, according to past experience, is the index position at the end of January. If that is lower than this morning's level, the outlook is gloomy. If the index manages to climb above the present 1,123.8 by then, there would be only a moderate decline over 1986 as a

The rationale for this seemingly mysitical piece of analysis is that the behaviour of the market in early January shows traders' true opinion of Christmas cuphoria, some of which is inspired by the desire of fund managers to dress up their portfolio performance before books are ruled off on December 31. In the end, it can only be said that that is how events have unfolded in the past. But, as Mr Beckman himself points out, the first seven English kings named Henry each had an average of only 1.3 wives.

More power to Weinstock's elbow

GEC has received a timely boost in its £1.2 billion bid for Pleasey; it has been

cations in Europe project (Race).

The contract is worth little in money terms but it does underline, to Plessey's intense frustration, GEC's prime position as a telecommunications supplier and reinforces Lord Weinstock's arguments about the need to merge the work of the two British companies in public telepho exchanges. It also undermines Plessey's case that European collaboration will provide a viable alternative to GEC's bid. The RACE announcement confirms GEC's position as coordinator of all important collaborative work.

System X, the digital telephone exchange produced jointly by GEC and Plessey, may be about to win its first significant export order. GEC is in a prime position to win System X orders in Iraq which is modernising its telecommunications network. System X at present lacks credibility in international markets; no significant order, outside Britain, has been placed.

Plessey, which is due to release its formal defence document on Monday, also had some encouraging news to announce yesterday. Dataquest figures show that Plessey Semiconductor achieved 28.89 per cent increase in its sales of microchips in the European market last year, a bigger increase than any other company.

The need to create a powerful new British force in telecommunications and electronics, "the enabling technologies" of the modern age, is urgent. A new circular by brokers Wood Mackenzie points out that GECs acquisition of Plessey is a necessary but not sufficient step towards creating such a force.

Argyll has CBI seeks 21 winners 4% stake in

Twenty-one of Britain's prizes for the 21 winners of an "brightest and smartest" 21- essay competition in which year-olds will be sought by the entrants will be asked to outline Cnnfederation of British Industry this year in a competition to about the path British business mark the organization's 21st anniversary and Industry Year.

A group of 21 - companies have each contributed £500 as to a national final

GOLD

London fixing: am \$322.5pm-\$332.60 close \$332.25-332.75 (2229.75-230.25

New York:

Comex \$332.55

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS	MAIN PRICE CHANGES
Tind Ord	RISES: Reliant Motor
msterdam:	Wardle Storeys

+5p +10p +1p +8p -10p 0.50p Radio City "A" NV ... W. A. Holdgs De Brett (Andre) Grand Cent. Inv. Central & Swood. Monument Oil . Brit, Home Stores

CURRENCIES London: 2: \$1.4430 (+0.0045) 2: DM 3.5362(+0.0242) 2: SwFr 2.9979(+0.0199) 2: FFr 10.8483(+0.0786) 2: Yen 281.3(+1.37) 3: Index 77.9(+1.37) £ Index: 77.9(+0.4) New York (Latest): £: \$1,4440 \$: DM 2.4485 \$ Index: 125.5(+0.4) ECU £0.617389 SDR £0.761263

INTEREST RATES

Import restraints 'cost UK consumers £1bn a year'

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Agreements imposed on share of the market and because they are easier to greatest percentage increase in developing countries and Japan Japanese to restrain their exports cost started producing in Britain. British consumers as much as according to a study of the costs and benefits. If other voluntary and benefits. If other voluntary ing to pay the higher prices or export restraint agreements adjustments in the exchange (VERs) were included, the figure would be even bigger, its

author say. The study, by Dr David Research Centre, says that the restraints is in every case more worldwide government orga-than the wages paid for them. nized Multi-Fibre Arrangement The cost varies from £7,500 a or the industry-to-industry year per job in the competitive agreement limiting imports of £80,000 a year industry to more than Japanese cars are the most costly way of achieving this.

The study charges that VED. corders, where existing Euro- The study charges that VERs up to compete on more pean producers had a small are spreading rapidly only expensive goods so that the

By Alison Eadie

Sir Peter Green, the former

chairmen of Lloyd's, has replied in detail to allegations by Mr Brian Sedgemore, the Labour MP, in the Commons last

Mr Sedgemore alleged that Sir Peter's conduct did not conform to the highest stan-

Sir Peter, in a letter to "names" in the Janson, Green syndicates; denied that any money from the nffshore

reinsurance company Imperial, in which he had a 7½ per cent stake, went to benefit his farm.

All his shares in Imperial were

transferred in January 1983 into a charitable trust, which could

only be used to assist genuine

He also explained bow the

extra £34 million of reserves required to close the 1980 accountwas funded. Mr Sedge-

more alleged that Sir Peter

never accounted for the interest

£200m jet

orders

for BAe

Industrial Correspondent

More orders from the United

States for British Aerospace's 146 "whispering jet" airliner and its Jetstream turboprop

aircraft worth nearly £100 million were announced yester-

Sir Raymond Lygo, chief executive of BAC, said that

another 11 orders would be announced in the next few

weeks, bringing the total value to more than £200 million.

The sales are a much-needed

boost for the company, taking the number of aircraft sold in

1985 to 120, with a value of

Twenty of the Anglo-Ameri-

can 146, built at Hatfield in

Hertfordshire and described as

the world's quietest jet airliner,

were bought by Pacific South-west Airlines of California. The

airline has oow ordered another four, worth \$65 million (£45 million).

have bought 20 Jetstreams, made at Prestwick in Ayrshire,

Express Airlines of Atlanta,

Sir Raymond said BAC also

had five firm orders for its new

advanced turboprop (ATP) airliner, which is due to make

The company also shared in

the success last year of the European Airbus Industrie

consortium, receiving £550 million. The group sold 89 of its wide-bodied aircraft. British

Aerospace has a 20 per cent state in Airbus and is its wing

Sir Raymond said that BAe

had held preliminary talks with

the Department of Trade and

Industry on the question of launch aid for the proposed Airbus TA9 and TA11 new

medium- and long-range four-engined aircraft, which Airbus says are necessary to complete

each bought five.

its first flight this year.

designer and maker.

its family of jets.

Three American nperators

almost £600 million.

causes, Sir Peter said.

dards expected at Lloyd's.

have The cost would be even and Trade and because it is El billion a year in higher prices higher if allowance is made for easier for governments to for cars, clothing, video-re- jobs lost elsewhere in the conceal the cost from the public corders and footwear alone, economy as a result of the than the higher prices produced jobs lost elsewhere in the conceal the cost from the public economy as a result of the than the higher prices produced diversion of consumers spend- by a tariff.

The authors say that the only sure benefit of voluntary restraints is to the profits of consumers than a tariff, it is Greenaway and Dr Brian domestic producers and that Hindley for the Trade Policy even if protection were thought domestic producers and that argued, because they encourage essential to save industries from cost of jobs saved or created in complete collapse, voluntary industries protected by the export restraints, such as the

Green replies to MP's claims

Sir Peter Green: letter

to "names"

on £34 million placed in

Sir Peter said the suggestion that £34 million was placed in Imperial was false. Only £5.4

million of the £34 million came

from Imperial via a recovery oo a stop-loss policy;

its application for a listing,

Imperial.

General Agreement on Tariffs

Valuatary restraints limit overseas producers either to anumerical quota or to a percentage of the British market. They are more expensive to

prices and profits as well as allowing home producers higher With a tariff at least the primism on import prices goes to tax payers. Overseas producers therefore prefer a voluntary restraint which boosts their profits. They also tend to trade

He said he had received personal benefits of \$213, 617

oo these amounts had or will be

He denied that there was any

close business relationship

between him and Mr Peter Cameron-Webb and Mr Peter

Dixnn after they left Janson, Green in 1966 and 1967.

Lloyd's has found the two men to be responsible for the

misappropriation of £39 million

belonging to names on PCW

Sir Peter denied he was also a

Although Barclays wants to

paid, hesaid.

syndicates.

Barclays applies for

listing in Tokyo

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

among nice that were granted a and Tnyo Trust and Banking is

Barclays has had an ordinary agent and dividend paying branch in Tokyn since 1972. agent.

The Thkyo branches of Barclays About 12 foreign companies.

Merchant Bank and de Zoete & all from North America, have

Bevan are expected to merge Tnkyn listings, including into a single office when around six banks. Hnwever, Barclays de Zocte Wedd is other European companies,

formed after the "big bang" in including British Telecommuni-

Barclays Bank will become manager, said that the appli-

impose under a loophole in the prices is imposed oo cheaper goods bought by poorer people.

> Limits based on a share of the market, such as the restraints no imports of Japanese cars, are even worse than quotas because domestie producers or trade unions are free to exploit monopoly power to maximize profits rather than increase output. Restraint may even lead to a fall in home output.

The restraint on car imports costs British consumers most. The aothors estimate the net cost at £175 million a year nr more that £500 million a year if the premium on car prices in the previous quarter. Over both Britain over in other EEC countries disappeared in the absence of voluntary restraints.

•What Britain Pays for Voluntary Export Restraint,: £8 from Trade Policy Research Centre.

curb on (£148,345 in directors' fees and dividends from Imperial between 1972 and 1982. The tax

From Bailey Morris

Sir Peter refused to comment on his personal inquiry into Unimar, a part of the PCW affair, as the matter was still under investigation by the Department of Trade and Industry. He repeated the findings of a Lloyd's study into the inquiry, which cleared him of any attempt at a cover-up.

The Fed passed, by three to two, the controversial rule, which has been bitterly opposed by the Reagan Administration, particularly by the White

takeovers financed by below-investment-grade junk bonds had contributed substantially to an alarming rise in private debt.

Mr Vnlcker, speaking for the majority, said that the new rule should not be regarded as an attempt to limit corporate takeover activity, as the Administration had feared, but as a new interpretation of existing laws covering margin require-

the only company to have its catinn was also promoted by the shares quoted on the Tokyo increasing interest of Japanese Stock Exchange if it succeeds in investors stock of the target company. annunced yesterday.

The bank's bid to secure a quote for its parent company, Barclays plc, is part of an attempt to widen its financial services in Japan. Last June Barclays was the only EEC bank among nice that were granted a and Tnyo Trust and Banking is

But Mr Preston Martin, the vice-chairman who voted against the rule, claimed that it would lead to "all sorts of ioternational complications"

Butch which would give European acquiring companies an advan-tage in the American market. He added: "We are s down a slippery slide here. Given the rise in Eurobood financings. I am certain they will find all kinds of ways to use

who was recently appointed to the board by the Gnvernment.

Fed agrees 'junk' bonds

The US Federal Reserve
Board voted yesterday in limit
the use of "junk" bonds in corporate takeovers by placing stringent margin requirements the percentage of the bid value tn be funded by the bidding company – nn Shell corpor-

Turnnver was up from £1,166 million to £1,256 million and

The majority agreed with Mr Paul Volcker, the Fed's chair-man, that the big rise in hostile

In particular, the rule would compose 50 per cent margin requirements oo Shell corprations which have no significant function other than to hold the

that device, especially giveo the foreign acquiring company loopbnle."

The other opposed to the rule was Mrs Martha Seegar,

Mr Humphrey Norrington, are considering applying for a Barclays' deputy chief general listing. Macro 4 poised for £24m flotation

catinns and Cable & Wireless.

company, is expected to be when it mins the stock market

valued at more than £24 million for \$70 million. Republic this month. The prospectus is due next Monday.

As part of the fintation Macro Georgia, has bought 10 and the commuter airline CC Air and Metro Express of Texas have

the City in October.

4 plans to buy out its American licensee for \$4.62 million (£3.2) million). The company says this would enable it to increase penetration in the world's argest market for computers.

profits forecast of £3 million before tax for the year to June 30. Profits have grown from £660,000 in 1984 to £2.03 million last year. The forecast includes a £710,000 exceptional

mainframes.

Robert Franco and Mr Peter Atlantic.

Macro 4. a computer software Macro 4 develops and sells Hargrave, apparently intend to omnany, is expected to be systems software for IBM stay with Macro 4. It is expected that one of them will inin the The prospectus will include a board after the offer for sale.

The consideration will be made up of a mixture of shares, cash and a deferred amnunt held in escrow for two and a . half years.

Further acquisitions are The American vendors, Mr planned nn bnth sides of the

similar increase in the previous Pilot plant started work on its £35 million pilnt plant to produce petrol, diesel and aircraft fuel from coal at the Point of Ayr colliery in Clwyd, Nnrth Wales.

Washington

Nationwide Building Society, Britain's third largest, yesterday annunced record gross receipts of £4.8 millino for 1985. Mortgage advances rose 28 per cent in £2.29 million and £57 million was added to general

Tourist spree

Overseas visitors are esti-mated to bave spent £480 million bere in October - 7 per cent up on a year earlier, according to the Department of Employment. 10 the first 10 mnnths of 1985, nverseas visitors are estimated to have spent £4.825 millino - an increase of 21 per ceot on the first 10 months of 1984.

GEC in plan to build data link By Bill Johnstone

Technology Correspondent GEC is to head a group of 29 European companies which have been granted a contract worth 6 million ECUs (about £4 million) to prepare a plan for a broadband telecommunications network stretching across Europe. Three other British companies are taking part.
Plessey, STC and Thorn EMI.

The project is the first phase of the Race programme (Re-search and Development in Advanced Communications Technologies in Europe). By 1995 a network capable of handling all the needs of business and domestic communications is to be operational. It willinclude highspeed data transmission and digital television signals. The network will be able to carry 2 million items of information a

The four British companies are joined by seven from West Germany, five from both France and Italy, for from Belgium and two from both The group's co-ordinator, Mr



Increases by 1.0% to 12.50% per annum with effect from 9th January 1986.

Interest on Deposit Accounts increases by 1.0% to 6.75% net p.a. with effect from 9th January 1986. For those customers who receive interest gross, the rate increases to



Spain and The Netherlands. Mei Price, deputy managing director of telecommunications at GEC, said: "We are looking at people to contribute to the areas where they are most

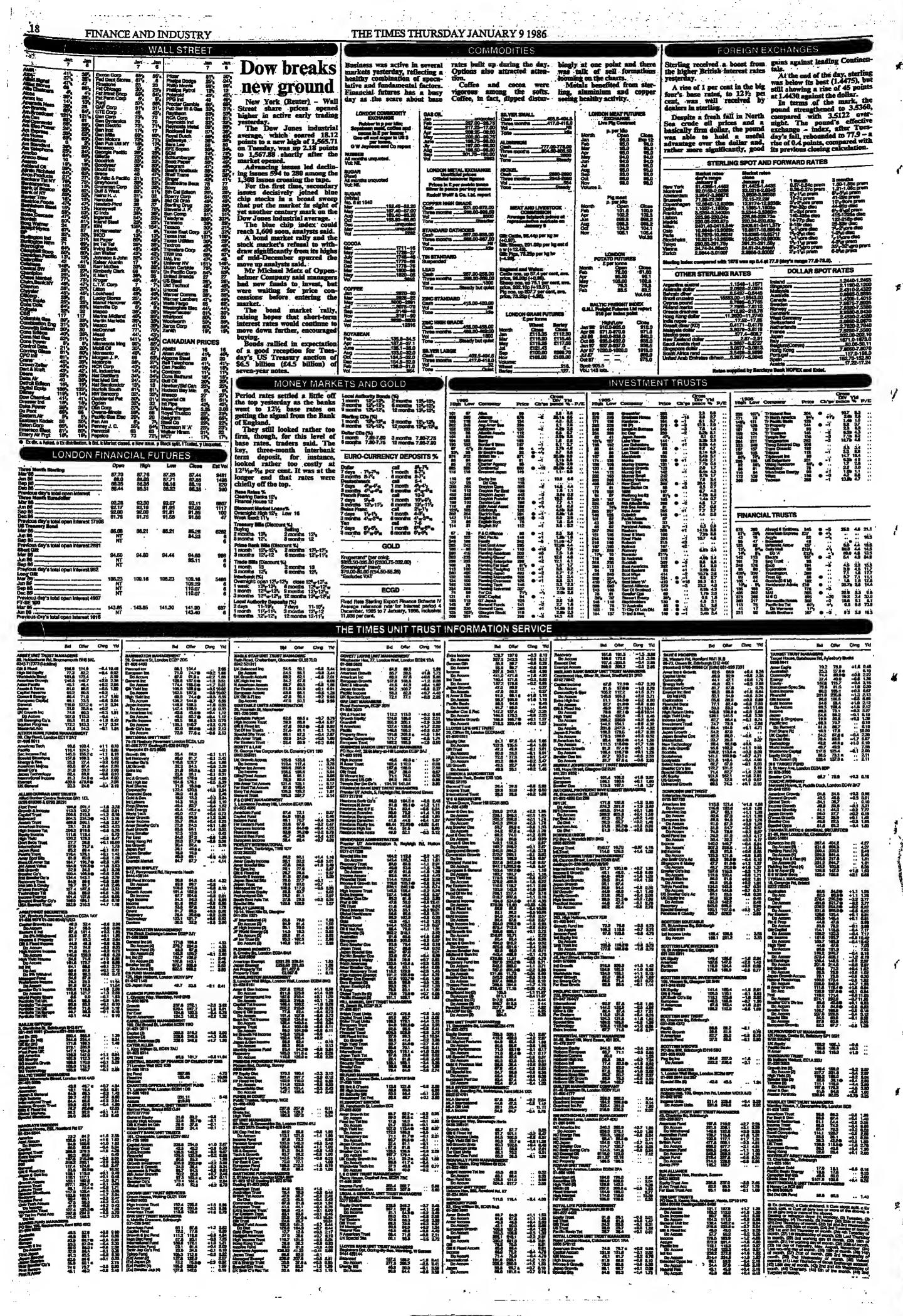
The group will produce the blueprint for the European Commission





9.03% p.a.





Stores in trouble again as shares take a sharp knock

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

The stock market was planned to move into the Distillers Co., as the market announcement of new orders shrouded in gloom yesterday. Hasson Trust, Imperial Group, still tormented itself over the for civil aircraft from the US. The base rate increases, al. United Biscuits triangle with an Monopolies Commission refer the share price slipped 10p to though not unexpected, and the offer for United Biscuits.

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the day with a modest gain, on 270p. throughs, totalling nearly 1 the back of Wall Street, but then The Monopolies Com, million shares, this week. Mr lost ground and was at one time mission is probing a £1,800 Gerald Ronson's Heron Inter-

much as £%. The Government broker, after cutting prices, sold the remainder of the Coovert-the remainder of the Coovert-erate. ible 9½ per cent 2,004 and Exchequer 10% per cent 1,997.
Storehouse, the British Home. Stores-Habitat Mothercare Grand Metropolitan was an-vehicle, could oot have chosen other where chunky lines were a worse day for its market

The shares started at 300p and fell to around 280p with at

manufacturers of electronic products, gained 8p to 107p-yesterday. The company is due to meet analysts next Thursday. The shares have been as high as 400p last year, but fell from

least one broker selling heavily. Rumours abounded of investors. suffering heavy losses because for the failure of the rumoured BHS counter bidder to appear. One suggestion was at least one syndicate had ran into deep financial trouble and was

seeking a rescuer. There was evidence of forced. selling with some of the recent take over favourites the main

Storehouse finished the day at 288p. Other stores to run into. selling included Woolworth Holdings; W. H. Smith; Boots and the Burton Group.

The market was however, still capable of producing the odd takeover rumour. Before

heavy punishment.

At the close the FT 30 share eased 1p to 199p. Allied was at . Burmah Oil continued to 318p, but later railied to 323p.

1,123.8 points. It had started finished with a 5p deficit at There have been at least two put against the trend to 318p. There

Trafalgar House shares con-

orders from the Ministry of

American company, and is embroiled in a takeover of

lost ground and was at one time down almost 15 points, putting it 36 points below the peak trading level, briefly hit on Barham Group held at 118p yesterday. The heavy rights issue—friday.

The FT-SE share index fell rest of the shares being sold in the market. The group which covers 11.0 points to 1,404.2 points. advertising, publishing and financial services, has nearly finished its present deal. Its last acquisition was Fleet Street Letter, the tip £2,000 million was wiped off sheet group, which it purchased from Carlton Communications for share values.

million offer for Allied from national remains the market

Pilkington Brothers, the glass tinue to fall following the bad-roup, eased 7p to 323p as a new for its Scott Lithgow arge line of stock came on offer. shippard subisdiary. Scott has Frand Metropolitan was an lost ont on the recent round of group, eased 7p to 323p as a large line of stock came on offer.

around.

Westland, the helecopter another 5p to 334p yesterday, group, shed 5p to 78p as the making a fall of roughly 17p Euro-American wrangle con over the past three days.

Rowater Industries was also falling 13p to

Vanx Breweries was strong on Ladbroke Group takeover 290p. The market is Ising hope hopes, gaining 11p to 376p, that Hanson trust will follow through with a bid for the paper Celtic Haven fell 3½p to 89p and packaging group now that it s. Kleentech International looks set to win SCM, the

which had been expected to get grace after a gloomy statement closer to the Welsh engineer is moving into public relations
Which the acquisition of Trevor
Bass and Associates for £60,000

Bass and Associates for £60,000 from the annual meeting in sold shares. Blue Arrow, which In shares, fell 4p to 213p. which Hanson is reckoned to the profits setback clipped have share stakes were also

2p off Bespak at 108p hut weak though largely because of the last rose 3p to 31p oo its 24 per cent profits gain. Reliant International dipped 3p to 176p Motor Group came in for a and Costs Patons slipped 4p to speculative run gaining 6p to 153p.

41p- TDS Circuits rose 20p to British Aerospace came in for 145p in a thin market. profit-taking after the formal

Traded option highlights

Lonhre stood out yet again on tors covered their bets on which the traded options lists, chalking up a total of 3,054 contracts. Same 2,441 SEI contracts traded. Volume for the market were traded. BP produced the same whole was significantly only other four-figure volume, higher than in the past two or three weeks, reaching 18,775 713, BAe 769 and Imperial 746 contracts.

trade. The shares lost 12p to

BAT Industries rose 5p against the trend to 318p. There was sizeable buying - around 800,000 shares - in New York on Tuesday night, and it looked as though United States investors were following through in London yesterday.

Lonrho, the overseas trader led by Mr Toiny Rowland, stayed at the centre of City speculation. The share price rose another 10p to 225p, making a two-day gain of 19p.

Apart from optimism about the results, due at the end of this

month, City men are intrigued at the idea that a consortium bid attack is being prepared. American investors like the look of Lonrho's cheap assets, it

Jagmir shares held out Defence. Trafalgar shares fell another 5p to 334p yesterday. against the market weakness, rising 1p to 352p. The carmaker is much-liked here and in

> Sun Alliance received a boost from Scrimgeour Vickers, the hroker, yesterday. The shares jumped 40p to 578p in half-an-hour before settling back at 555p as Mr Stephen Dias, analyst, forecast resumption of profit and dividend growth for 1986. He puts a net asset value of 820p on the shares.

> America becuse of its steadily growing car sales in the United States. The share price looks determined to return to the 360p level despite the vagaries of the foreign exchange and

> City analysts were perplexed at the downward movement for shares in S W Berisford, the food, property and commodi-ties group. Berisford should be benefitting from hooming coffee prices. Because of drought in Brazil, world prices for coffee have soared, and Berisford is a leading trader in the beans.

United Scientific Holdings held firm, the shares gaining 2p 10 185p by the end of the day. The company, which is best known for its defence industryprices fell back there were contracts.

cootracts traded. There were known for its defence industry strong stories that Allied Lyons.

Stock. Exchange, options few significant price changes on work, has been tipped as a the most said crick group. While proved popular as invest options.

APPOINTMENTS .

Three join board of Courage

Courage: Mr R McLaren will become managing director of Courage Simonds. Mr R J Spence joins the Courage board as managing director of Saccone and Speed. M N E Holmes joins the board.

Pearl Assurance: Mr Charles Tidbury has been made a nonexecutive director.

International Commodities Clearing House: Mr Richard I Stockman becomes vice-presi-

Peter Colmer has become associate director. Evans of Leeds: Mrs P E Horsbrough and Mr J Thistlethwaite join the board of F R Evans (Administration), Mr P A Turner and Mr P I Holley

oms the board of Redvers



Charles Tidbury

Christian Salvesen: Mr Brian H Fidler has joined the board as group finance director. Pannell Kerr Forster: Mr Neil Payne becomes a partner of the Dublic office. Fitch & Company Design Consultants: Mr David Rivett

has been made development Niarchos Walter H Hepher, Mr Geoffrey R Hawkins and Mr Christopher

J Braund have become direc-Vibroplant: Mr Neil Partridge has been made a director. Next: Mr Rohert Cooper becomes group finance director,

Thomas Warringtoo & Sons: Mr David Brown has been made a ooo-executive director. Gateway Foodmarkets: Mr Malcolm Hepworth becomes operations director and Mr John Toal becomes special

More appointments on page 21

projects director.

Hanson triumph draws mixed views from City

yesterday to Hanson Trust's Stock Exchange list as a part of the slow down on victory over SCM by marking reminder that, if not the problems with home com-Hanson shares down by 2p. While some dealers say the who have the ultimate re- adverse publicity about fatty acquisition falls in the classic sponsibility for deciding the foods oo sales of sausages. But Hanson mould, which is City speak for "very attractive".

others are concerned. In particular there is a widespread belief that the purchase of SCM dent and manager.

Svenska International: Mr These fears look misguided.

coovertible loans, apart from the purchase of SCM shares, join the board of F R Evans little apparently has changed (Leeds) and Mr T L Parrish since then.

Hansoo still would have plenty

years, depending oo its acqui-sition programme. Historically, This gearing of more than 100 per cent has oot prevented it from

making progress. straigh
It will not be long before decision
SCM is geoerating cash. Profits assets.
already are recovering and might even top \$125 million (£87 million) this year. Over-head savings of \$20 million a year have been identified.

This suggests that Hanson's shares are good value. The implications for Imperial Group are less clear. Yesterday Hanson said its hid for SCM did not affect its ability to offer cash alternative to Imperial Shareholders who have a paper offer before them worth 240p a

But this should not be interpreted as a promise that cash would be forthcoming either at the existing offer's level or at a more generous

It is just possible that, ooce the advantages of the SCM purchase are better understood n the market, Hansoo's share price will rise sufficiently to let the current bid for Imperial to succeed. At the moment Imperial's shares are 5p above the offer price.

Westland

Through the cloud enshroud inflation accounted for the rest ing the Westland affair, the of the salees increase. company's share price, like a . The company admits to

company's future. Last might the shares were 78p.

After the suspension, and reinstatement, which preceded the announcement of the will stretch Hanson's finances, proposed deal with Sikorsky the share price has remained At the end of last year firm and perhaps the only Hanson had about £1,132 surprise is that there have been million in cash, almost twice as few moves by the protaganists much as its debt, which stood to take advantage of the at £639 million including continued presence of the stock in the list.

There has been on suggesto be suspended until the Uotil a fair value is ascribed situation is resolved. The Stock to SCM, is it hazardous to Exchange view seems to be that forecast a gearing ratio for the it would be wrong at this stage, combined group, but even if it to remove from investors the were to reach 40 per cent, opportunity to either sell or huy in the market. It is hardly of scope for expansion.

Surprising that some of the Hanson's graring ratio has more risk averse investors fluctuated sharply over the have not cut their losses in the

> This is probably a reflection of the fact that the situation has good well beyond that of a straightforward iovestment decision based on earnings and

Asda-MFI

Shareholders in MFI have good reason to rue the day their company merged with Associated Dairies. Their old company was growing quickly and their shares were strong. Those who have stuck with MFI in the merged group, known as Asda-MFI, must now wait, possibly until the 1990s. to achieve the same results. Little has changed at MFI, but there is plenty wrong on the food side.

Problems were disguised last year by the miners' strike but yesterday's interim results revealed that profits in the supermarkets are oo the slide. After higher interest charges group profits were barely nigher at £72.7 million before

Asda Stores' profits fell hy £450,000 to £43.0 million in the first half reflecting a volume gain of only 0.8 per cent in existing stores. The two oew stores cootrib-

uted marginally and price

bankers, it is the shareholders puters and on the effect of

the underlying reasons are more fundamental than this The irony is that Asda was head of the food retailing league 10 years ago, being the pioneer of superstores. But since then it has done little to keep up the momentum.

While Sainsbury, Tesco and the rest have introduced ownlabel products, opened huge numbers of stores and brightened their image, Asda seems to have sat back. To be fair tion that the shares ought again neither has it changed its accounting practices as have some of its competitors, so that ioterest on its new stores is still charged against profits.

MFI cootinues to make progress and its profits rose by 12.4 per cent in the first half, even though it encountered problems with kitchen units. MFI's management is also having success at Allied Carpet Stores (formerly part of Associ-

ated Dairies)
The MFI side clearly has plenty of ideas for expansion in addition to an active store opening programme, which is contiouing despite the cash outflow in the group. It is at present experimenting with lighting, kitchens in Philadelphia and even considering launching coordinated soft furnishings. For the moment shareholders must content themselves with promises about the benefits of joint property search teams and the like. At 138p the shares are expecting rather more than

this.
The company has entered on a three year programme of change which will involves sizeable capital speoding. This year it will amount to £150 million and it looks as if this could rise in 1986-7,

Already there has been a switch from interest received to interest paid out and it looks as if the treod will cootinue.

As if to allay disappointment the board has iocreased the interim dividend by 8 per cent. Thanks to a £3 million fall in the tax charge cover is unaffected. Assuming there is a similar increase at the final stage the yield is 3 per cent.

Meanwhile the shares are trading oo a generous multiple

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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Greater London letting market improves but completions fall

London is looking brighter, space a 53 per cent increase on according to Jones Lang Woot ton. It reports an 88 per cent fise in take-up in the year to mates that 1.6 million so fit of

The suburban office market. unlike its counterparts in the City. West End and Holborn, has been in the doldrums for some time with little rental growth and a struggle to find tenants for a quantity of space, particularly in ageing buildings.

The survey shows that tenants took more than 2 million sq ft of space with 5 per cent of it for owner occupation.

However, the level of com-pletions fell by 47 per cent to 1.16 million sq ft, the lowest-sione 1981. This led to a 24 per cent fall in the amount of available space, now at 2.91 million sq ft.

Developers, ever optimistic, responded to the improvement

Base Lending Rates

Adam & Company ____ 114% BCCI 124%
Citbank Savings 124%
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The letting market in Greater by starting 2 million sq ft of

mates that 1.6 million so ft of space will be completed in Greater London by September.

And it says that 35 per cent of this has been prelet or will be DWHET occupied.

The firm reports that outstanding planning permissions in Greater London totalled 13.55 million sq ft by last September. This excludes the 10 million sq ft planned in London Docklands at Canary Wharf which the firm sees as part of the central London office

West : London - with its proximity to Heathrow Airport continues to dominate the office market accounting for 51 per cent of the take-np and 40 per cent of the availability. It also represents 56 per cent of both completions and development activity.

South London, Croydon in particular, has fared less well. Jones Lang Wootton says a large amount of space is still' available despite an increase in the number of lettings. In North London, Enfield and Barnet have seen some improvement probably due to the M25 but other areas have not been affected by that

The most significant development for East London is the development is concerned. An emergence of Docklands as an office centre. But only the Isle of Dogs enterprise zone has really established itself as a market and one which competes with central London, not the



St James's offices sold to pension fund for £1m

The Pilkington Brothers
Pension Scheme has bought the freehold of 3 Duke of York
Street in St James's, London, by month delay on completion Street in St James's, London, by month delay on completion informal tender for more than while the pension fund

The retail sector shows no sign

of weakening, at least as far as

emerging type of development is the retail park. New England Properties, the Newcastle upon

Tyne-based company, wants to build a 17-acre retail park at

Seaton Burn, It says the scheme will have

175,000 sq ft of specialist, non-food space in seven units. The pretax loss of £262,000.

Meanwhile, the outcome of

pre-tax loss of £751,000 in 1984. High Court hearing on January

I million. refurbishes the property. Small units will then be let

company has applied for plan-

ning consent for the project,

which it says will be worth £10

million, New England made a

but hoped to return to profit for last year. First-half figures, 10

Bryant deal could set new office rent level

 Campbell Gordon, the Reading estate agent, is optimistic about the office market there. This may stem from the rumour that Bryant Properties' 21,500 sq ft office building, QR60 in Queens Road, has been let to Barclays Bank at £14 a sq ft through Jones Lang Wootton and Gibson Eley.

This would be a significant deal for the town. Rents have been languishing in the £12.50 to £13 a sq ft range for the last eighteen months. And secondary office buildings have been lucky to see rents of £7 a

Meanwhile MEPC continues to deny that the first 149,000 sq ft phase of its Abbey Gardens development has been let, despite persistent ramours. It is on the market through JLW at £15.25 a sq ft.

MEPC intends going ahead with phase two of the project. Unlike phase one which was funded by Legal & General, there will be no institutional inance for the next stage. MEPC is funding it from its If new rent levels are achieved

in Reading, it will be interesting to see what deal is struck on the Metal Box building with more than 100,000 sq ft of sq ft space. Whoever takes over the company's lease at the present rent of under £12 a sq ft, will

have to face a rent review in two Years time. But by then the Prudential and British Rail development at the station will be well on the way to completion, offering top

another large retail project is awaited. The Penman Group's

Centre 21, an out-of-town

shopping scheme, goes to a

The interesting thing about management.

rent on Metal Box and could lead the way for top level prime

Ouitization has happened in Brussels at least. The first development to be quoted on the Bourse is the 350,000 sq ft Glaverbel Building which the Unilever Pension Fund has sold to two Belgian banks for £15

Banque Braxelles Lambert and Société de Banque bought the offices through their joint company Certinvest. The banks have sold units in the scheme to

The Glaverbel Building was developed by Giaverbel, the plate glass manufacturer, which was acquired by the Gervain Danoine Group.

● The demise of the £19.7 million merger between Wingate Property Investments and Trafford Park Estates raises Trafford Park. Mr Stefan Wingate, the managing director of Wingate Investments, was thought to be the heir apparent to Mr Nell Westbrook, the chairman of Trafford Park Estates.

Mr Westbrook was considering retirement when the merger was agreed. Trafford Park recognised that new management should be injected

into the company.

The agreement with Wingate was reached against 2 background of a possible bid from Peel Holdings, the retail warehouse developer which subsequently sold its shares in Trafford Park. But the way nov would be open for Peel or any other predator to make a bid

Derek Penman, the owner of this private development com-

pany, is that it is American in

concept. This does not merely

apply to the appearance and quality of the 1.25 million sq ft

oper's idea of letting and

even though it released no top

There is now more optimism about 1986. Next week sees the video release of Rambo, which

will have the highest ever initial shipment for a full-price feature

film in Britain. Thorn EMI Screen Entertainments expects

at least 45,000 copies to be

delivered at a trade price of £47.50.

ation estimates that 9,000 English-language videos are on the market. The association's

director general, Mr Norman Abbott, said: "The public is not

aware of more than a small amount of that material. We

and publications to the financial services sector in the City of

• RENTOKIL GROUP: The group has made three acquisitions, costing more than £400,000. The

first is Centreclean, which employs

150 people in the cleaning of shopping malls and stores, becom-ing Rentokil's Glasgow office-clean-

ing Rentokil's Giasgow office-clean-ing branch. The second is Carlton Cleaning (Scotland), which also has 150 employees and is now being incorporated into the division's Edinburgh branch. In the south, the group has acquired Alliance Clean-

● LONDON & SCOTTISH MARINE OIL: Lasmo, as part of a

10-company group, reports the completion of a successful gas

exploration well on block 48/19B in the southern gas basin in the British

sector of the North Sea. The well, 48/19B-7, drilled to a depth of 9,174 feet, in 84ft of water, successfully tested gas from four zones.

The British Video Associ-

films.

Plan for 17-acre retail park in North-east the plan, put forward by Mr

YACHTING

Lion left licking wounds after meeting whale

From John Nicholls, Anckland

There are now only four and Portsmouth, it is beginning boats left at sea, still to finish to look unlikely that the race the second leg of the Whitbread will be won by the same boat on Round the World race at both elapsed and handicap Auckland. Three more of the 15 times. Philips imnovator is two entries finished overnight or and a half days ahead of UBS during the day yesterday, led by Switzerland (Pierre Fehlman), the long-awaited French boat the highest placed Division A L'Esprit D'Equipe (Lionel Maxi, entry on total corrected Pean), which finally crossed the time and the overall race leader. line a few seconds before Lion New Zealand, sailed by midnight. More than 12 hours the local favourite, Peter Blake, later, Rucanor Tristar (Gustaaf was penalized on her finishing

Versluys, Belgium) was also time as a result of a successful home, 34 days after she started protest by UBS Switzerland for the 7,100-mile leg from Cape a port and starboard incident at the start of the Cape Town leg In spite of her relatively oo December 4. It hardly made disappointing effort, L'Esprit any difference, bowever, a mere D'Equipe recorded a good 25 minutes in a race that will corrected time, being placed take about 120 days and Lion is second behind Philips Innova- still second overall on handicap tor (Dirk Vauta, Netherlands), in the Maxi class.
which finished two and a half
days earlier. In third place is for her rudder to be examined Equity and Law (Pleun van der after it was damaged by a whale

Lugt, Netherlands), which was in the Tasman Sea on her the third boat to finish yester-approach to Auekland. It day and the eleventh altogether, looked a sorry mess and will late in the afternoon. Atlantic Privateer (Peter before the third leg begins on Kuttel, United States), the 80ft February 15. All that remained Maxi yacht that finished the leg was about one-third of the total first and held the lead on area on one side only;

handicap for two days after her arrival, is now dropping down the placings as smaller boats come in with better corrected times.

Philips Innovator also leads the race on total corrected time for the first two legs, with L'Espril D'Equipe second and Fazer Finaland (Michael Bener) third.

Although the 27,000-mile race in only half over and the results can obviously fluctuate between here Punta Del Este Agent on one side only; area on only area on one side only; area on only; area on one side only; area on only area on only; area on one side only; area on only area on only area on one side only; area on only area on only area on one side only; area one only area on one side only.

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Boat Show diary

Downey's challenge

By Adrian Morgan

Chillenge Trophy (Little America's Cup), won by Britain first in 1962, may come back to these shores on the hells of a revolutionary bydrofoli catamaran skippered by John Downey, a British Airways Con-

A top class Tornado belmsman from Oxford, Downey will challenge Chris Cairns and Scott Andersm. the Australian holder, in 1987 in Melobourne in a conventional

Hellcat design but plans for hydrofolicraft are well advanced. An idle bet between Robin Kunx-

An idle bet between Robin Knrx-Jnhuston and Don Wood during last year's round Britzin race has cost Wood the price of 20-pairs of wellington boots for the RNLL. Johnston's Catamaran, British Airways, beat Woods's Red Star-trimaran by one place. The boots were on their way to their rightful owners last night by ... Red Star.

SQUASH RACKETS

Tough at the top for young champion

By Colin McQuillau

Most old champions learn by long Egypl for the world championships, experience the basic truth of the la what is becoming an ominous adage about the toughness of life at the top. In the deeply competitive introduced by enthusiastic sponsors anytometrical professional section. the lesson is hammered bome almost before maturity.

almost before maturity.

Del Harris, the 16-year-old who narrowly won his second successive British Open under-19 title last weekend, had to wait only 48 hours to encounter this fact of sporting life. He lost 9-3, 3-9, 6-9, 4-9 in the American Evaporary Premier League American Express Premier League on Tuesday to Paul Gregory, aged 17, with whom he had shared an

17, with whom he had shared an exhaustingly competitive under-19 semi-final before going on recover from matchpoint down in the final against Matthew Oxley.

Harris was playing at fifth string for Ardleigh Hall, the club team from his native Colchester, leading the league at the start of play on Tuesday. Gregory travelled into Essex with the Dunnings Mill team from East Grinstead although he is from East Granstead although he is himself a Surrey player and the reigning club Champion of Cham-pions. Their result gave Dunnings Mill 3-2 victory and allowed Manchester Northern to edge into league leadership on game differen-tial after a similarly close win over Chanel Allerton.

Chanel Allerton. The Manchester squad are now strengthened by the arrival of the Australian Ricki Hill. They have managed extraordinarily well Australian Ricki Hill. They have managed extraordinarily well through the first half of the season to stay in contention with their usual leader, Geoff Williams, sidelined by knee cartilage surgery. Adrian Davies their Welsh third string, won the inaugural American Express Player of the Month award for his fighting performances in that cause.

ately lost to Kelvin Smith after the Jahan also lost in straight came

Jahan also lost in straight games
to the British champion Philip
Kenyon, which explains the importance of the adage proved so
immediately by Harris to Gregory.
Nor should it be assumed that
these two are the only prodigious squash youngsters on the bome scene. Certainly their semi-final was the fiercest fought match of an under-19 competition usually regarded as the most significant of the age group. They reduced each other to simultaneous immobility in their

fifth geme when exhaustion brough leg cramps into play for both at precisely the same time.

Harris needed to repeat his escape from that situation by producing a similar courageous performance in the final and it was generally acknowledged that Oxley had unexpectedly benefitted when the No I seed, Robert Graham, suffered foot cramps in the second semi-

Without pursuing too closely the oddity of three semi-finalists suffering identical cramp problems, and what this says about diet and preparation, such nip and tuck rankings among the players who will carry England's challenge into the Junior World Championships in Australia next April is encouraging



Reeling in the words

By Conrad Voss Bark

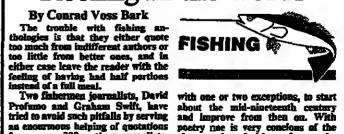
an enourmous helping of quotations from some 300 authors, novelists, essayists, poets, philosophers and politicians, going back some 2,709 years, from Homer and the Old Testament, coming up through Chancer and Shakespeare (straining a little with the Bard) to the present day, all within 450 pages. A manmoth achievement, well done. manmoth achievement, well done.

Most of the moderns that fishermen know are there: Farson, Falkus, Greene. Grey. Herriston. Falkus, Greene, Grey, Hemingway, Hughes, Marshell, Ransome and Skues, Bates and Uncle Silas are

very welcome but Sawyer, and Pertwee's The River God, are sadly missed. Virginia Woolf comes as a pleasant but a little exaggerated

surprise. Most of the older generation - Walton, Cotton and company - have been well presented, and it is good as well as rare to have Franck's admirable criticisms of

The overall impression one gets from the choice of prose is that the Helpermann at £15, with best writing about fishing seems, back edition by Penguin.



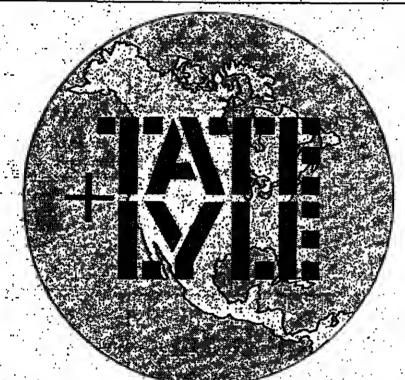
poetry me is very conclous of the change in fashion from the seventeenth to the twentieth century, the precisina of observation of Elizabeth Bishop and Seamus Heaney compare with the vague romanticism of Waller. The best of Hughes, bowever, is

raining lips Slipped the fins of those humpbacked

One has the feeling that his Balled of the Long-Legged Bait must have been written after several pints at the George.

at the George.

However, let us not quibble about such things. Here, for the first time this side of the Atlantic, is the English equivalent of Gingrich's The Fishing in Print, and very welcome too. The title, The Magic Wheel, comes from Stoddart, and the book is published in hardback by Helpemann at £15, with a paper-



Exciting year for growthand more to come

Extracts from the Statement by the Chairman, Sir Robert Haslam

I am pleased, in my last Statement as Chairman, to report record profits once again. Continuing an unbroken seven year upward trend. Group profits before tax were £76.7m compared with £65.4m in 1984.

This maintained growth allows the Board to recommend a final dividend of 14.5p per share, to make a total for the year of 22.0p, 16% higher than last year.

Expansion

This has been an exciting year for growth. Having prepared a strong base over the last few years, we have been able to mitiate an acquisition programme that has balanced the geographical spread of our businesses; strengthened our position in ' overseas sugar markets and diversified into new markets that are nevertheless related to existing skills. -

These acquisitions, which in total amount to £92m, represent a conscious change of pace, arising from a confidence in the health of the Group's existing businesses. They are performing well up to expectations. Recent expansion has substantially increased our involvement in North America. Nevertheless, we still remain keen to expand our business at home and continue to seek suitable investment opportunities.

The EEC Sogar Regime

Negotiations for the new sugar regime for the period 1986/1991 are in the final. stages. The Council of Ministers has decided that UK beet quotas will remain unchanged for two years, after which they will be reviewed in the light of any changes in demand which may have occurred. In particular this will allow time for any possible developments in the chemical industry to emerge and for the level of. subsidy required to sustain such potential uses to be assessed.

New Chairman

I was very pleased when Mr. N. M. Shaw, our Group Managing Director. accepted the Board's invitation to succeed me as Chairman. As he will also retain his existing responsibilities, the Company will be continuing to make the best possible use of his skilful and dynamic leadership.

People

I have been privileged to preside over many exciting developments during my three years as Chairman; but one thing has remained unchanging, and that is the quality and commitment of the people who work for the Group throughout the world. I would like to record my own and the Board's thanks to all employees for their skill and dedication which have contributed so materially to the current health of the Group. Prospects

In the last three years the Group has consolidated its position, and is making new investments which will maintain its momentum over the rest of the decade and beyond. The business is operating from a solid financial base and has every opportunity to achieve further profit growth, I remain confident of the ability of the Group under my successor and the seasoned management team to grasp and exploit these opportunities.

Financial Highlights	1985	1984
Turnover	£1.627m	£1,676m
Profit before tax	£76.7m	£65.4m
Profit after tax attributable to shareholders*	£38.1m	£35.9m
Earnings per share	55.3p	52.4p
Dividends per share	27.0p "	19.0p
Dividend cover	2.5 times	2.8 times

Figures for 1984 have been restated to reflect the use of average exchange rates.

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spirits in video industry Gremlins and Ghostbusters lng. Nearly all feature film including Starman, Runaway ave cometo the rescue of the videos are rented by users and of course Ghostbusters.

Arrival of Ghostbusters lifts

have cometo the rescue of the declining prerecorded video market. After a disappointing start to 1985, first indications are that the final quarter of last

year was the best ever for the industry. The release of several blockbuster hits, including Beverly Hills Cop and The Killing Fields, has reversed the trend of the previous 18 months. The British Videogram Association, which represents the video recorders. divisions of the major film companies and broadcasters titles that has made now expect- 1985 deliveries to difference. Warner Home Video the trade to match the £82 launched Steven Spielberg's million of the previous year. In the last quarter alone deliveries. November and it has been the are thought to have exceeded £30 million!

The best year for deliveries so

a wide range of sportswear and co-

TILBURY GROUP: The group has formed a new company, Tilbury Construction (City), to carry out building work – particularly refurbishment – in central London and the City.

the City.

FIRST CASTLE ELECTRONICS: Hill Samuel reports that after the announcement this week by Morgan Crucible of the acceptances it has received for its offer for First Castle shares, First Castle's chairman, Mr Leslie Connor, has again written to shareholders, urging them not to sign any form of acceptance and not to sell shares in the market.

ASEA: The company is to sequire the VS Technology Group, which designs and builds systems primarily for use in the automotive

ndustry and has an annual turnover

O COMALCO: The company has

COMALCO: The company has found traces of oil and gas in its second petroleum well, Ungoolya-1, in petroleum exploration licence 23 located within the Officer Basin in the north west of south Australia. Drilling was terminated at a depth of 2,193 metres on Dec 30 and the well was then plugged and abandoned.

ALFA-LAVAL: This Swedish group is to sell the Alfa-Laval offshoot. Imo, of Vaestberga, Stockholm, to Transamerica Dela-

the United States.

dinates under the Talbott label in

rather than bought, and the CBS/Fox also reports record industry has had to contend deliveries in the final quarter, with a decline in the number of dealers. . On top of this, market research for the British Video Association last year indicated

that people who have had video recorders for more than two years rent films less often. About haif of homes that have television sets also have video It is the release of some major

company's higgest success so far, with an initial shipment of 40,000 copies.

far was 1983, when they had a RCA/Columbia describes its value of £90 million. Since then fourth quarter as "phenominate market has been contracted," with 21 titles releases,

have a big job in 1986 to make known what is available." COMPANY NEWS PENNINE RESOURCES: The company's subsidiary, Talbott Stores, has agreed to license its Talbot trademark to Beldoch Industries of New York. Beldoch intends to manufacture and market million). Significant increases in continuous and market million). Significant increases in continuous and market million. • PARK PLACE INVEST MENTS: The company is to buy Edwards & Wyche Publications for £150,000 in ordinary strares. Edwards is a distributor of professional and technical books

million). Significant increases in single premiums were achieved in Britain, Canada and France. In Britain, additional sales of self-employed pension business (up 87 per cent) and individual employer-sponsored pension arrangements (up 27 per cent), together with other pensions business (up 6 per cent) have compensated for the fall in individual life business (down 12 per cent). per cent).

CHRISTIAN SALVESEN: The

company announces major new investments as part of the develop-ment of its distribution activities. It has been selected by Marks and Spencer to build and operate one of the first of a new series of regional warehouses. Total cost of the development will be about £9 million. In a further project, construction will soon start on the third phase of the company's temperature-controlled distribution

The company's Autela Division has acquired the assets of J. B. Martin (Redruth), Cornwall's largest parts distributor. Martin, with a £1.8 million turnover, was already a big stockist of AP parts. Autela now plans to increase sales by enlarging the product range and linking all outlets to its £2 million self-funded and computerized distribution

centre at Nuncaton.

• AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS:

• M & DUAL TRUST: For the M & DUAL TRUST: For the year to Dec. 31, 1985, with figures in £000, gross revenue was 2,359 (2,102). Earnings per income share were 28.71p (25.59p). A final dividend of 15.55p (13.9p) is being paid on March 4, making a total of 28.75p (25.5p).

RECENTASSUES | Monica & Crane 10p Ord (a) | 82 | | Notank System 5p Ord (90a) | 94-2 | | S.A. C. International 10p Ord (100a) | 1194-1 | | Syr 10p Ord (125) | 153-2 | | Sigmen. Int 10p Ord (101a) | 98 | | Sterring Publishing 5p Ord (57a) | 72 | | Stran Inv (100) | 100 | | Technical Component 25p Ord (130a) | 215+3

Stockholm, to Transamerica Delaval. Theacquisition is subject to the approval of the Swedish government. Transamerica Delaval is the inflacturing subsidiary of Transamerica Corp.

NETI TECHNOLOGIES: The company, which is supported by a group fo major British pension funds, has completed registration as a reporting company with the US Securities and Exchange Commission and has listed its stock for trading in the US financial markets on the Nasdaq quotation system.

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Federal Reserve Bank of New Nicholas Mendes & Associ-York: Mr Richard L. Gelb has ates Sir Reginald Eyre joins the been elected a director.

AMEC: Mr Rudi Kisjes has become a director of AMEC and managing director of AMEC International Construc-Alliance & Leicester Building

tion. E. D. & F. Man (Coffee); Mr Anthony Raven and Mr Robert

APPOINTMENTS

board and will become chair-

Society: Mr Simon Everard has been elected duputy chairman. Price Waterhouse: Mr Roy E. Davies has been made a partner, Manchester office, Mr Richard S. Terry Halloran, partner, Leeds director.

office and Mr Keith G. Whitehead, London office.

Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools: Mr Gor-don Smith has been made chairman.

Securities: Charke Richard Staniland has become a

Mr

David Miller

The dismissal on Tuesday of Yong Ho, South Korea's mister of sport, should have cleared the way for the delayed signing of the United States elevision rights contract for the Seoul Olympic Games. Lee has carried the blame from Seoul Olympic Organizing Committee (SLOOC) for the drop of \$25 million (£17 million) in the minimum sum guaranteed by NBC between the initial nego-tiations in Lausanne in early ptember and the deal agreed in New York last October.

The deal between the Inter-

national Olympic Committee (IOC) and NBC has been held up by continuing arguments. Lee, who was present in both Lausanne and New York but not at the negotiating table - he denied in Lausanne that he was trying to evade blame for the outcome – seems not to have indemnity demanded by NBC which was part of the deal agreed in principle in New

NBC are paying a minimum of \$300 million (£200 million) and a maximum of \$500 million (£350 million) on condition that SLOOC must return the rights fee, the production cost and all equipment in the event of a US boycott, a North-South Korean war or other such eventualities. The insurance cover of \$30 million (£20 million) was prohibitive for NBC, who learned their lesson from the boycott of Moscow in 1980.

The Democratic Justice Party, in which Tae Woo Roh, the SLOOC president, is chief minister, has replaced Lee with the former head of the civil service. Discussions on the television problem have been continuing between Juan Samaranch, the IOC president, and Dr Un Yong Kim, president of the World Taekwood Federstion, and an internationally respected figure. He flew to Madrid before Christmas to try to repair the damage and the signing, postponed from Decem-ber 6 and rescheduled for today, should now go ahead in early February. From 1992 onwards the television negotiations will be handled exclusively by the IOC and oot the hosts.

Far from getting the \$700 million (£470 million) which SLOOC had been encouraged to believe was possible by Trans-World International an International Management Group (IMG) subsidiary, the figure is unlikely to exceed NBC's minimum. The South Koreans, anxous that no more boats smiling through clenched teeth at the second joint conference with North Korea in Lausanne yesterday to oegotiate areas of collaboration for 1988.

Under Samaranch's initiative, talks have been limited to the possible joint parading of the two Korean teams, the staging of the 100 killometre cycling road race across the border from north to south, and border from north to south, and and cycling road race across the border from north to south, and and cycling of football and south and cycling road race across the border from north to south, and cycling road race across the captain, Kim Hughes and cycling road race across the captain, Kim Hughes and cycling road race across the captain, Kim Hughes and cycling road race across the captain and cycling road race across the border from north to south, and cycling road race across the border from north to south, and cycling road race across the border from north to south, and cycling road race across the border from north to south, and cycling road race across the border from north to south, and cycling road race across the border from north to south, and cycling road race across the border from north to south, and cycling road race across the border from north to south, and cycling road race across the border from north to south, and cycling road race across the border from north to south, and cycling road race across the border from north to south, and cycling road race across the captain. the scheduling of football and archery preliminaries in the

committee has made ground at the respective African and Asian confederations of national Olympic committees at Addis Ababa and Bahrain - delegations that carned some ill-informed criticism at home - it may not have been tactically smart of the normally politically astate Denis Howell, the Birmingham chairman, to let his when addressing the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR) annual conference in November and claim that Birmingham had overtaken Barcelona as the front-runner. Such confidence, widely quoted, has a way of rebounding among the traditional, old-school IOC

England drop into cauldron

The mood of optimism which has greeted England's draw for the World Cup is puzzling. While they may well be gratified to have avoided West Germany, Denmark and Uruguay, the trio which Scotland must face, it will be no pushover against either Poland or Portugal, or for that matter Morocco.

heat-acclimatized Moroccans will arrive in Mon-terrey after months of collective terrey after months of collective training and practice, while England will stagger out of the League season hoping to find a blend which has been absent for much of the four years since

Poland, third in 1974 and 1982, have Zmuda in defence and Boniek in attack; while Portugal, memorable from the last European Championship, are huoyed by having inflicted West Germany's first-ever qualifying-match defeat. Coached by Torres, their 1966 centre forward, they have outstanding players in Gomes of Porto, Europe's, leading scorer in two of the last three seasons, Jordao and Chalana. It is probably a tougher group than England, with a more settled team, had in 1982.

Zimbabwe tour to be called off despite appeal by Nicholas

according to Donald Carr, tour's cancellation – sent to Secretary of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB).

A personal appeal by Mark Nicholas, the England B team captain to Mr Robert Mugabe, the Zimbabwean Prime Minister, to allow the scheduled England tour there next month to take place, seemed last night to have met with failure as the touring party gathered at Heath-row to leave for the first leg of

their tour in Sri Lanka.

Nicholas confirmed at the airport tha he had written a private letter to Mr Mugahe whom he had met in Zimbabwe last year when leading an English Counties XI on a private tour there. The letter appealed for England B to be allowed into the country. He stressed that all the players were anxious to visit Zimbabwe and

that they abhorred apartheid.
"I told him how much I had enjoyed the visit last year and said how much good I felt the tour would do both cricket in Zimbabwe and how beneficial it would be for our players as

Earlier Sam Ramsamy, chair-man of the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee (Sanroc), said in London that he knew the tour had already been cancelled by the Zimbabwean



The Zimbabwe part of the Sport and Recreation Council. England B winter tour is almost He accused the TCCB of certain to be called off today, surpressing the news of the

could be no tour unless the players with South African connections made a public declaration against apartheid. Alwyn Pichanick, president of the Zimbabwe Cricket Union, was due to make a statement on the latest position today.

On Tuesday it was reported that the final decision about the tour would be taken by the Zimbabwe council at a rearranged meeting next week. Sanroc officials in London, however, remained adamant that it had already been decided to ban England and that the decision was taken several days ago. "My understanding is that the cricket tour is not even on the council's agenda next week", Mr Ramsamy said: council has repeatedly

stated that it will not sanction

any sports fixture containing persons who collaborate with

apartheid sport". Nicholas, far happier to discuss cricket than politics at Heathrow, admitted acclimatization would be virtually impossible before the team's first match on Saturday, a hastily three-day game with Sri Lankan colts. "Obviously 24 hours practice in the heat. which is all we will have, is worth nothing. But one would hope the players have done enough in England so that their

technique will be in reasonable shape. We are all fit and the only thing everyone will be short of is actual match

practice' The B team, who were originally due to leave London six days ago, had their fixture in Bangladesh cancelled by the TCCB after Bangladesh objected to four players with South African links - Kim Barnett, Martyn Moxon, Chris Smith and Bill Athey.

South Africans ban sale of magazine

From Ivo Tennant, Cape Town

The sale of the South African week at the Wanderers ground Cricketer, the country's leading cricket magazine, has been banned

Africa's top columnist, describes the tour again later this year. Australians in the January issue as "one of the most colourless bunches of batsmen and bowlers to set foot on our shores. They enjoy an anonymity that is bolstered by the cocoon of security surrounding

them".
The article goes on: "All archery preliminaries in the north. There is no question of acceding to the north's demands to be joint hosts.

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Scott. a persistent critic of the South African government, works for the Cape Times. Most of his articles are intended to be satirical. However, not only the Australians bot also Dr Ali Bacher, adviser to the South African Cricket Union, objected in his comments.

This led to the ejection from Newlands of schoolboys selling the magazine during the Test between South Africa and the Australians, It will not be on sale

when the two teams play again next

Johannesburg.
Richard Whittingdale, the editor in chief, said he had been told the from the two main grounds here because the touring Australians objected to an article strongly critical of them.

John Scott, billed as South

Kriting Vintengane, has been fold the in chief, said be had been told the article was not in the interests of cricket. Clearly the South African Cricket Union wish to avoid any discord. The Australians are due to

cause a lot of unhappy faces. We have spent three years busting a gut to get this tour going and several Soath African cricketers were also unhappy with it".

Scott said: "To turn a lighthearted article into an international issue seems to be an excessive indulgence by the cricket authorioes. With one or two exceptions they emerge as a pretty humourless bunch".

pretty humourless bunch".

Port Elizabeth, South Africa (Reuter) - The 'rebel' Australians came perilously close to an embarrassing defeat by the best of South Africa's young players yesterday. Their ninth wicket fell to the third ball of the final over as they chased a target of 237 set by the South Africa University XI.

The Australians survived to end on 203 for nine after the students. the Mercantile Credit classic at Warrington. Thorburn, who took a little over four hours to overcome the spirited challenge from Johnson, oow plays Doug Mountjoy.

Thorburn was slightly out of touch early in the match and was trailing 3-4 before he put his game together. In the end he subdued his

on 203 for nine after the students had declared their second inning at 237 for five. Originally, they had had 130 minutes to reach the target, The result will have done little for The result will have done interior the confidence of the Australians. On Friday they begin a three-day match against Northern Transvaal who beat them in a one-ay match at the beginning of the tour.

SCORES: South Africa Universities XI 219 for time declared and 237 for tive declared. Australians 220 and 203 for nine.

Up, up and away: Participants from Britain, West Germany, Hungary and Austria starting the eighth BP Alpine Balloon Trophy race at St Gilgen in Austria. The event ends tomorrow

Flach and Seguso's reunion recalls some old glories

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The prize-moaey in professional tennis has long been astonishing and the disproportionate rewards for singles and doubles now begin to look absurd. The richest singles-only tournament, the 24-man European Champions' Champion-European Champions Champion-ship (ECC), to be played in Antwerp from November 3 to 9, will offer a first prize of \$210,000 (about £144,828). This exceeds by \$10,000 (£6.897) the total prize-money in the richest doubles-only tournament, the eight-team festival, sponsored by Mazda Cars, at the Albert Hall,

The ECC prize fund has been raised to a total of \$900,000 (£620,690), plus \$20,000 (£13,793) for a new qualifying competition that is to be introduced as part of a increased by \$50,000 (£34,483) every year since the tournament's inauguration in 1982. Last year's ECC also attracted a record attendance – officially revised to 141,504 – for any indoor tournament's

The Albert Hall winners will collect \$72,000 (almost £50,000), plus a suite of Waterford Crystal. The first evening's programme began at 6.15 and ended at 12.25. Ken Flach and Robert Seguso, the United States champion, took two hours and 35 minutes to beat Pavel Slozil and Tomas Smid 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.
3-6, 6-3 and the champions of Australia, Paul Annacone and Christo van Rensburg, beat Sergio Casal and Emilio Sanchez 7-6, 6-7, 7-6, 7-5 in three hours and nine minutes. minutes. Flach and Seguso had not played

reach and occasion and not prayed together for almost 10 weeks and the Czechoslovaks had been out of harness even longer. It showed. The match was seldom embellished by the imaginative flair bred from practised confidence. Both pairs were feeling their way, settling down to work as if back at the desk after a boliday. There were moments of absent-mindedness, but oo the other hand, moments of flashing expertise

SNOOKER

Thorburn

through

Cliff Thorburn, of Canada, the No 4 seed, struggled to defeat Joe Johnson, of Bradford, 5-4 yesterday and put himself in the semi-finals of

opponent with breaks of 31 and 50 to win the deciding frame 93-0.

Johnson, who turned professions

in 1979, is now among the top 16 in the world and made his mark two

seasoas ago in the professional players' tournament at Bristol, where he lost in the final to Tony Knowles. He is a former British under-19 champion and an England

amateur international. FRAME SCORES: C Thorbur (Carl) bt . Johnson 5-4 (Thorburn first: 45-65, 67-66, 9-84, 75-38, 70-29, 22-63, 52-84, 77-47, 93-0.

to remind us of the glories that were and will be evident in the tennis of him an uncommon gift for playing the coavicted innocent. He can be the convicted innocent. He can be rather like one of those-dogs who pinch the sausages and then flutter their eyelashes and convince you it never happened.

In the second match there were

both teams.

For some reason Flach has retained the bushing mass of hair that caused so much controversy in the final of the United States championship when h briefly got in the way (or did it?) of a shot by Henri Leconte, But be gave us a few moments of splendour, as did his partner. Slozil sometimes found gaps where none seemingly existed and when Smid rose for smashes it was like watching a self-extending ladder. Flach and Sugnso went through their usual routine of no service breaks until the third game of the third set - and that treak was instantly answered by another. But for the intervention of oe-breaks, there seemed to be no reason why the match should ever reason why the match should ever end. The Fourth set, though, produced a flurry of activity. Annacone lost a service game and the Spaniards had two break-points for a 4-0 lead. A fifth set seemed inevitable until Casal twice lost his through their usual routine of behind-the-back signals to the service, which enabled Annacone and van Rensburg to win six games

It all littled in neatly with the slightly rinualistic nature of a match that eventually warmed up but never quite came to the boil. But midway through the fifth set Flach and Seguso visibly woke up, broke Smid's service, theo broke Slozil's too. That ultimate game was cally that induced Slozil to do as much on-court talking as he usually out of seven for the match.

We were given a list of 56 names:
people responsible for this or that
aspect of the organization. Did you
know that the tournament had a ·master of ceremonies, a stage director, and an official wine cup? Never mind, it all made 6 welcome much on-court talking as he usually does in an entire tournament. Even whea inaudible, Slozil muttered away and hung his head. He is 6

Parks entry is doubled

By Rex Bellamy

vote for Bungert

Bonn (Reuter) - Wilhelm Bungert was yesterday confirmed as West Germany's Davis Cup captain after officials of the national teanis federation heard that Boris Becker had not meant to call for his

Shortly after West Germany lost the Davis Cup final to Sweden in

quoted in the mass-circultion Bild newspaper as saying that Bungert had proved of little help to the German players and should be replaced by Becker's personal coach, Guenther Rosch.

Federation officials said yesterday that they had talks with Bosch and Becker's manager, Ion Tiriac, about the interview and had agreed that Bosch should have a future role in the crusteem. But they said that in the cup team. But they said that

Shriver over

Washingtoa (Reuter) - The second seed, Pam Shriver, of the United States, defeated West Germany's Sylvia Hamika 6-1, 6-2 oa Tuesday night to enter the second round of a women's given grants of £100 each towards the cost. Last year a total of 2,300 players took part in the seven events: the traditional five chamtournament here.
Three other seeded players,
Claudia Kohde-Kilsch, of West
Germany, Manuela Maleeva, of pionships, plus a junior singles for. each sex.
The oewcomers to this year's list

> indoor circuit.
> The Shriver-Hanika match was a serve and volley battle throughout, with both players occasionally mixing up their power games with effective dropshots.

Germans

Verplank

to turn

professional

in June

From John Ballantine Carlsbad, Calfornia

Carlsbad, Calfornia

Scott Verplank, the 21-year-old amateur from Oklahoma University who joined the 30 professional tournament winners of 1985 competing here in the Tournament of Champions by winning the Western Open in August, announced before teeing off yesterday, that he will join the paid ranks, immediately after the US Open at Shynnecock Hills in June.

"My plan for 1986 is to graduate in husiness administration in May and use my amateur status to play

and use my amateur status to play in the Open before I turn pro", said

Thomson, who won an astonishing nine events last year to amass \$386,723, teed off at 9.45am with

Australia's Sportsman of the Year". The Australian gave a hig horse

laugh. They saved me a lot of embarrassment by giving the award

to 6 cyclist. I mean, you can't have

56-year-old veterans winning Sportsman of the Year commen-

1985 achievement comparing with golfing feats of the past. "I have to

point out that it was done in a special category." he said. "When you talk of Ben Hogan and Sam Saead you have to remember that

they performed in opea events."
Sandy Lyle and Bernhard Langer

were out very late in a tournament that promised many thrills and some tremendous golf.

Dexter aims

for his

third putter

By Nicholas Keith

There is a strong entry for the President's Putter which starts today at Rye. From an original field of 144 there were enough scratchings to make a preliminary round unnecessary, but the last minate absentees include only one winner from the last 11 years.

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alent evenly and yesterday mem-

golfing society were oractising in weather which was unexpectedly tolerable. There are two particularly

in husiness administration and use my amateur status to play in the Open before I turn pro", said the youngster who was partnered on the opening round with the 6ft 6in Texan, Phil Blackmar, Last year in the US Open Verplank finished in thirty-fourth position overall.

"My game's a bit rusty and so I will play in the Phoenix Open (January 23-26) before the Masters (April 10-13)", said Verplank, who is certain to find professional golf addifferent ball game" as did Ben Crenshaw and Bobby Clampett and other notable amateurs.

With seven seniors, headed hy Peter Thomson, of Australia, playing for a first prize of \$30,000 ont of a total purse of \$100,000 and 30 "regular tour" players (plus Verplank) competing for a top prize of \$90,000 out of \$500,000, there was varied interest on an opening round in hrilliant sunshine on the difficult par 72 6,911 yard course.

Thomson, who won an astonishma amassister year to amass.

Miller Barber and had Arnold Palmer and South Africa's Harold Henning as his chief rivals.

Thomson was characteristically modest and humerous about his chances. "At 56 1 have to face the fact that every year is going to be worse!" he wiscretched." There are and Gary Player who both just turned 50, coming along to challenge me. But it was a great

Bosch would help prepare only Becker and not the other players. Bungert would remain as captain.

Tiring had explained to the officials that Becker had not intended to call for his dismissal.

first hurdle

Bulgaria, and Helena Sukova, of Czechoslovakia, were among those who also reached the second round of the first tournament of the 1986 The oewcomers to this year's list of 32 local authorities taking part will mostly be from southern and midland England, but Scotland and Wales will again be represented in the draw, Ireland is one country for tennis purposes but, with the cooperation of the Irish Lawn Tennis Association, could eventually be included in what would then be international rather than national championships.

"I felt a little apprehensive before the match". Miss Shriver said. "She's a dangerous player and had beaten me the last three times

Britain turn tables on India

The national parks champion-ships, sponsored by British Home

Stores and organized by the Lawn

Tennis Foundation, were restricted to 16 towns and cities for last year's successful inaugural venture. Dur-

ing 1936 the entry will be doubled and, to reduce travelling four regional finals will be played before the national finals are contested in

October: probably at Bath, as they were last year.

Local authorities run their own

tournaments - in many cases they have done so for years, without the further incentive of advancing to national competition - and are

considerable pressure but Pappin in goal stood firm. Britain deserved their win an their next match is agianst Pakistan today. In Dubai Pakistan beat Britain 9-1.

SKIING: The International Federation have again changed the rules on women's slalom and giant slalom races because adjustments intro-duced at the start of this season have

duced at the start of this season have led to protests from skiers.

Under the revised rules beginning with Sunday's World Cup slalom in Bad Gastein, Anstria, only the first 15 from the first leg will race the second leg in reverse order. The FIS had ruled at the start of the World Cup season that the top 30 from the first lcg would ski in reverse order in the second.

BERNE: (Reuter) - The post-

CYCLING

CRICKET

CRESTA RUN

DARTS

Great Britain defeated India 1-0 poned Alpine skiing World Cup in an international hockey quadrangular tournament in Kuwait yesterday to avenge the 4-1 defeat in Dubni earlier in the week. In the second match of the day Pakistan defeated the Netherlands 1-0.

The winning goal for Britain was scored by Richard Dodds from a short corner nine minutes before the end. After that India exerted considerable pressure but Pappin in goal stood firm. Britain deserved

winner of the Tour de France classic had suffered a true fracture of the right collarbone. BASKETBALL: Martin Clark, Team Polycell Kingston's centre, who became the first English player to be included in the All Star Free

FOR THE RECORD

coaching course proves a success. Leeds Polytechnie is to run courses.
Leeds Polytechnie is to run courses
to these traditionally male only
events in March and will produce a
video tape for examination by the
sport's governing bodies. The hope
is that the events may eventually be introduced to woman's

1CE HOCKEY: Glasgow Dynamos' Heineken British League first division game against Bournemouth Stags on Saturday has been postpoaed because the roof at the Crossmyloof rink has been condemned. The club are hoping to play at Glasgow's new rink, the Summit Centre, when it opens on February 13.

to be included in the All Star Five for his performance in the World Invitation Clnh Championships last week, has been named player of the year for 1985 by the English Association. An English international, Clark, aged 24, helped his club win the Cup and League last season. The woman player of the year award goes to Sadie Edwards. ATHLETICS: Women competitors could be throwing the hammer, pole vaulting and triple jumping at international matches if a novel

BASKETBALL

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: Nedonal League (NNL):
Cuebec Nordquas 7, St Louis Blues 4:
Washington Capitals 4, Detroit Red Wings 3;
Minnesota North Stars 3, New York Istanders
2: Vancouver Canucics 2 Winnipeg Jets 2 (ot);
HEINEICEN BRUTISH LEAGUE Premier
division: Notingham Parathers 16, Peterborough Prizes 7.

BOWLS

tough sections: in the top half Recce, Disley, Edginton, Armitage, Holmes and Sharpe, find them-selves in the same eighth of the draw, at the bottom Warman, Dawson, Steel and Baxter will be among those contesting one place in the last 17 and then their reward could be a match against Marsh, the Walker Cup player and England international, who surprisingly has never won the putter.

Holmes, the runner-up to Dexter last year, has won the event three times and will be a strong contender. If Reece (winner in 1976 coatender. If Reece (winner in 1976 and 1978) and Edginton win their first round matches, they will meet in a reprise of the 1976 final. However, Edginton must first dispose of Disley, a semi-finalist two years ago. The other former winners in the top half are Uzielli (1965) and Edmond (1984) whose first round opponent is Aldrich-Blake, the runner-up in 1980. Mentioa must also be made of Gracey, deservedly 6t the very top of the draw in his 37th consecutive appearance, and Tatum, from the

appearance, and Tatum, from the United States. in the lower half Dexter, the former England cricket captain. UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA):
Detroit: Pistons 113, Boston Cekics 105;
Atlanta Hewits 117, Los Angeles Cippers 105;
Atlanta Hewits 117, Los Angeles Cippers 105;
New York: Kricks 98, Indiana Peocars 85; New
Jerney Nets 110, Chicago Bulls 105; Houston
Rockets 124, Golden State Warriors 110;
Michaelites Bucks 110, Cleveland Cavallers
101; Devicer Nuggets 132, Dales Mayeridas
101; Sestife Superiorice 51, Link Jazz 84.
CAM: SBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: First
division Manchester United 106 NV Brown 21),
QRS Sunderland 73 (Alexander 25).
NATIONAL TROPHY: First round: Team
Telecom Codinester 57, Britian Topicals 93,
ELITOPEAN CUP WINNERS CUP, Questerfield Group B: Stade Francis Versalles 83,
CSKA Moscow 82; Juneatus (Sp) 128, Vervey
(Switz) 75.
RONCHETTI CUP (women): Quester-final
group: Kremicowizi Sofis 92, Racing Chib de
Francis 63.

former England cricket captain, looks to have a reladvely smooth passage to the semi-final in attempting his third success. However, the weather and the nature of this competition are great levellers, so be will be taking nothing for granted. It could well be that his opponent in the semi-final is Steel, although predictions are as hazardous as the south coast elimate at this time of year. The last of Steel's three victories was in 1982, but he has an awkward first round opponent in Youngman, who lost to opponent in Youngman, who lost to Holmes in the semi-final last year.

TODAY'S FIXTURES FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless FA Cup Third round Manchester United v Rochdale

FA YOUTH CUP: Third round: Southerd v Southampton: Tottenherr v West Ham; Winbledon v Charton (7-15). SURREY SENSOR CUP: First round: Carabalton Whytsierie. 4007BALL COMBRIATION: Crystal Palace v Fullsin (at Duhvich Hamlet FC, 2.0).

OTHER SPORT DARTS: Embasay World Professions onships (at Lakeside Club Prime er: Mercantile Cracit Classic (at the

SNOW REPORTS



Clarke smooths way for successor

BOXING

John Morris, a freelance journalist from Northampton, will succeed Ray Clarke as general secretary of the Bridsh Boxing Board of Control at the end of June. The job involves holding warring factions at arm's length and seeing fair play in a sport which has always produced as much action outside the ring as inside.

shall take every step possible," he said last night.

"It is a good time to take over, arm in the good time to take over. Boxing is running very smoothly at present and there are a lot of good fighters in Britain."

Morris will be only the fourth secretary in the 57 years history of against the board. Charles Dinmail ruled warring the secretary in the S7 years history of the board. action outside the ring as inside.

Morris, aged 50, and a member of the board since 1968, intends to make safety in boxing a priority. "I will continue the current policy of make safety in boxing a priority. "I will continue the current policy of vigilance in making boxing as safe as possible for the professional. We shall continue in come under pressure on the medical side but we

Britain's Nick Phipps raised his hopes with the fastest time yesterday, Imin 06.85sec on his first desceat. No oae else has so far been inside the 1.07 mark.

from 1949 to 1971. Clarke, who was awarded the OBE for his services to

shall take every step possible." He said last night.

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Boxing is running very smoothly at present and there are a lot of good fighters in Britain."

Morris will be only the fourth secretary in the 57 years history of the board. Charles Donmail ruled from 1929 to 1949 and E J Waltham from 1949 to 1971. Clarke, who was win the right to a rematch with Alex Blanchard, of the Netherlands for the European oftle. The European Boxing Union are awaiting postal votes for a new challenger in Blanchard, and Andries's televised performance could edge him to tor the poll once again.

BOBSLEIGH

Russian misses event after crash

By Chris Moore

Zintis Ekmanis, the Soviet Union's European champion, is out of today's World Cup two-man event in Cervinia after a spectacular crash in practice yesterdly. He overturned the No 1 Soviet sledge on the notorious Bianca bend and, having failed to complete the required three laufs in official practice, will have to sit out the competition.

In the absence of the top East Germans, Ekmanis had been one of the favourites for the gold medal in this fourth round of the World Cup series. By Chris Moore

Phipps and Alan Cearns, his brakeman, who won the gold medal in their last World Cup competition in Cortina, were second fastest on their next run and, with no problems in hand, opted out of the last one.

"We had two very good runs and still have a fair bit in reserve." said Phipps, whose aim is in be in the top three after this morning's first two laufs. With Ekmanis out of contention, he should not be far away.

away.

The Russian's misfirtune served as a stark reminder of how costly the sightest mistake can prove at Cervinia, where in last year's world championship the Olympic eham-pion. Wolfgang Hoppe, and the former world ehampion. Hans

Hiltebrand, were involved in crashes.

There was a lucky scape, too, yesterday for another top driver when the 1982 world four-man champion, Salvio Giobellina, over-turned in practice for this weekend's Swiss championships in St Moritz, badly damaging his sledge.

Ralph Tichler is the new Swiss two-man champion, having edged the vteran Hiltebrand into second place.

The Stoke City defender, Steve Parkin, will not play for the rest of the scason because of a thigh injury. The 20-year old full back is due to enter hospital early next week for an

HOCKEY MADRID: Str-day race: Standings (after 87th day); 1, G Kneternann (Neth) and J L Nevarro (50), 120 pts; at one lep; 2, P Peter (Neth) and A Bondue (**), 190; at two laps; 3, L Van Viet (Bel) and J M Monano (Sp), 154. Pizza Express London League ALICKLAND: Grand prix tournament: Second round: 6 Schudz (US) bit 3 Guy (NZ) 6-3, 5-7, 6-2; O Lawis (NZ) bit 7 Warmster (US) 7-6, 7-6; C Miller (Aus) bit 7 Simpson (NZ) 6-2, 7-6, 6-2; M Wooddoods (Aus) bit M Schapers (Nedt) 6-4, 4-2 (ratinal).

WASHINGTON: Women's tournament: First resud: T Mochizuki (US) bit L Sonder (US) 7-6, 9-1; H Sukrove (C2) bit C Bertsmin (US) 6-2, 6-0; M Maleeva (Bul) bit K Gompert (US) 6-3, 6-0; W Turnbut (Aus) bit R White (US) 6-6, 6-2; A Write (US) bit C Bessett (Can) 6-3, 6-4; B Bunge (WG) bit K Maleeva (Bul) 6-6, 6-1; P Shriver (US) bit S Harrica (WG) bit K Maleeva (Bul) 6-6, 6-1; P Shriver (US) bit S Harrica (WG) 6-7, 6-1, 6-2; C Kohde-Klisch (WG) bit K Maleeva (Bul) 6-6, 6-1; P Shriver (US) bit S Harrica (WG) 6-7, 6-6. MOTOR RALLYING

PARIS-DAKAR: Special stage, (Tententesset-Testantesset, 360m): Care: 1, Gabrissu and Paris (Range Rover) Ar. 57min 57sec; 2, Raymonds and Bos (Range Rover) 258:50; 3, Metge and Lamoyne (Rothmans Porache) 307:51. Metancycles: 1, E. Oriol (Honda) 4:08:22; 2, C. Neveu (Foltmans Honda) 4:08:22; 3, A De Parir (Honda) 4:00:00. Oversal Care: 1, Gabrissu and Pipa; 7:02:07; 2, Metge and Lemoyne, 7:22:42; 3, Raymonds and Bos, 7:32:23, Metancycles: 1, A Estestrial (Honda) 13:58:25; 2, 3 Bacou (Yamaha) 14:12:06; 3, Neveu, 14:14:25. UNIVERSITIES TOUR: Oxford-Cembridge 183 (A J T Miller 99) and 104 for 2; Melbourne University 283 (R Pears 111 not out; a Sumidge 5 for 83, Melbourne won on first Analogs. SCHOOLS TOUR: Pembroka, Adelaide 253 for 8 dec; Feisted 244 (T1 Haynes 122). NORDIC SKIING

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LONDONDERRY CUP: second round: Whitpin MACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE:

Paris, (Reuter) - Bastia, the Corsican club at the bottom of the French first division, have laid off staff and players and cut salaries in an attempt to solve their financial

Any programme planner who casts his eyes upoo next Monday's football fixtures world have little sympathy for a sport which we are told is desperate for wider exposure and better attendances. At the moment 11 of the postponed FA Cup third round ties, including replays, are scheduled to saturate that one evening.

In fairness to the FA, though, the pile-up has been caused by the weather; one tie, Birmingham City v Altrincham, has been postponed three times. It is now imperative that the round be settled as sooo as possible to avoid an overlap with the fourth round which begins on January 25. The reason why the FA chose Mondays this season for ties postponed from the Saturday was to let the public know automatically when rearranged ties would be played.

ties, including the two Sheffield games, and Middlesbrough's against Southampton were postpooed after early morning iospections. An FA Youth Cup tie between Chesterfield and Manchester United was post-poned for the third time and put back until Monday.

Yesterday evening United's Sunday. still scheduled to go ahead tonight as the thaw cootinued in many areas of the country. Mark Higgins, who has not February 11.

being forced to retire through injury two years ago, must have been cheered to hear that been cheered to hear that though Moran, United's central defender, was back in training ho was not back in the squad.

Higgins, the former Everton captain, must have feared that his chance of coming in fom the cold had been thwarted by the weather when the game was postpooed on Saturday. Someone else, though, may be unlucky because Olsen has recovered from influenza and is included in the 13-man squad. Ron Atkinson, the United manager, has not gooe cold, though, on the idea of dropping Bailey, England's No 2 goal-keeper, io favour of Turner.

Bradford City's third round replay against Ipswich Town will take place at Elland Road, home of Leeds United. Last night's three rescheduled Bradford originally wanted to stage the game at Odsal Rugby League ground but Northern meet Odsal there on Sunday and City feared that the pitch would not recover io time. Elland Road will only have an extra 24 hours' recuperation itself since Wigan play Hull Kingston Rovers oo it in the John Player Trophy final on



Lineker: Everton and England have profited from his speed and sharpness

has been exceptional. Even big-gives us another outlet because we money buys, perhaps especially hig-can knock the ball in behind money buys, take thir time to settle defenders.

Clubs upset Luton sign Big-money buy endears himself at final decision

Chelsea and Manchester City have been told that they cannot play the Full Members' Cup final at Wembley on Saturday March I. The Wembley on Saturday Waren I. Ine Football Association appeals com-mittee, yesterday upheld Oxford United's appeal that their first division game at City's Main Bond

City who have agreed to underwrite the Wembley final for up to £150,000, must find a suitable midweek date, with Wednesday March 19, the original date, the

the Manchester City chairman, said. the decision," "more so as both the

ahead on March 1". "I am disappointed that Oxford brought the protest as it is an away m. This was an occasi which would draw the crowds and to jettisoned is a great shame. an disappointed for our faus,

"Playing on a Wednesday will player, confirmed yesterday that he make a difference of 20,000 - from 60,000 to 40,000 - on the gate so all still on the Liverpool transfer

60,000 to 40,000 - on the gate so all 21 clubs that took a chance on the competition will lose money and that incompetition will lose money and that incompetition will lose money and that incompetition will lose money and that it will still be at Wembley but we are disappointed that the City fans will have a lot more trouble travelling down," the Chelsea secretary, Shella Marson, said.

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club's case, which was based on the
Full Members, Company 20 Full Members' Cup rule 30 giving League and Milk Cup matches preference. "It was the only decision that they could have reached," he said. "We feel daty-bound that our fans are able to travel to Malue Road on a Saturday whereas it would not be possible in midweek. We are only following the rules."

 Boh Latchford, the former England forward, has left Lincoln City to join Newport County. Latchford wanted a club nearer his

to one half of Merseyside from Wigan

attempting to ensure that their momentum in the first division is momentum in the inst division is oot lost by the temporary disappear-ance of Mick Harford, their excellent ceotre forward, with a knee injury. They signed Mick Newell, Wigan Athletic's leading scorer, yesterday for £85,000 and he will make his debut against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge on Saturday.

Newell is a six-footer, like Harford, who has gone into hospital for an operation on a knee which has been troubling him. He will be out for a tooth. Newell is the third distinct bedding agreement to the same troubling to the same troubling him.

division's leading scorer with 19 goals. He has made 72 league appearances for Wigan and scored io last season's 3-1 win over Brentford at Wembley in the Freight Rover final. The money will ease Wigan's financial problems. David Pleat, the Luton manager,

faced with the threat of losing one of his own players, will recommend to his directors that they refuse the transfer request of Andy Dibble, Nose for goals their reserve goalkeeper.

Another club unlikely to release a

Rush's poor goalscoring returns.

Should any offer from Rangers be rejected, Smith will no doubt understand. He indicated yesterday that Rangers were not prepared to release Leroy Rosenior, about whom Brentford had inquired. whom Brentiord had inquired.
Two other Rangers players, Steve
Burke and David Kerslake, are,
however, about to depart from
Loftus Road. Burke is negotiating a
three-month loan spell at Birmingham, while Kerslake is talking to
Hull City about a permanent move.

Horton's memory lane

The Hull City player-manager, Sixth minute goal had decided a Brian Horton, recalled himself at battle io the Home Park mud. Plymouth Argyle on Tuesday night, and his disciplined midbeld display aided by superb performances from in front of a besieged back four cosured a 1-0 FA Cup third round replay victory, carning a fourth round game against Hulf's second division rivals, Brighton, one of repusy victory, carring a routed round game against Hulf's second division rivals. Brighton, one of Horton's former clubs.

"It's lovely to be at home to them. I've got great memories of Brighton," he said, after Roberts's inspections.

Horton, 37 next month, was aided by superb performances from the goalkeeper, Norman, and the winger, Askew,
Plymouth, whose 13,940 attend-

Gary Lineker times his runs better than his appointments. Calm and collected in the penalty area, he was slightly flustered when ha By Clive White arrived 90 minutes late for our arrived 90 minutes late for our meeting, thanks to a photo session which had overrun. "I hate being late" he said as he apologized his annoyance compounded by the would have to pass up his other passion, snooker, for the afternoon. That however was a minor

Born and brought up in Leicester he joined Leicester City from school but his move to Everton in the "Everton are 25 per cent bigger in every sense than Lelcester" he said. That is no criticism of Leicester. I had eight very happy years there."

Lineker, aged 25, has moved into a converted barn ontside Southport and has settled in quickly on Mersoyside. "I thought I might be homesick" he admitted, "But I

Merrosyside. "I thought I might be homesick" he admitted, "But I haven't been."

Nose for goals

The success of his move trust have helped, for as the extended photo session suggests, he is much in demand at the montest, his goals having played an important part in Everton's recent surge up the League table. His speed and sharpness have added an extra dimension to the team which dominated last season, and it is hard to resist the conclusion that but for would already hold an unassailable lead in the first division.

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Lineker some reason to hope that England's personality. With Andy there we are them the f

If the board's action is approved, shareholders will exchange their present shares for shares to the new commany, to be called Blackreed present shares for shares in the new company, to be called Blackpool Football Club Properties Limited.

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property company at a peppercorn

that they had to impose their needs as front players on the team before the goals began to flow. Lineker, a likeable, level-headed man with a Handicaps overcome

joined Tottenham Houspur, another team with an accent on midfield play, like Everton, they remarked

Even so, he started at Everton with two extra obstacles to overcome. His 2800,000 transfer for overcome. His 2800,000 transfer for provided extra ammunition for football's critics, including the Government, in the wake of the Bradford and Brassels tragedies, while winning over the critical Everton supporters was not made ensier by him replacing Andy Gray, a local favourity.

Blackpool reserves

Blackpool's directors have called an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders, to discuss the settin up of a property company to hold the assets of the club as an assurance against future cash difficulted against future cash difficulted by the house of the country of the

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The cluh chairman, Ken Chad
To east imajority vote to approve the new company at the new company at the new company at the new company at allowing the property company at a peppercorn rent.

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defenders.

"That keeps them on their toes, because defenders don't like the ball in behind them, they prefer play to go in front of them. But we still go wide, because we have such good players out there, and we can also still knock it up to Grueme Sharp and hit Gary with the second ball."

Kendall says of his expensive signing: "Gary makes very good runs getting into the channel between the centre half and the full back, and he can also go on one between the centre balf and the full back, and he can also go on one straight through the middle. If it's put over the lop and he gets on his bike nobody catches him, his pace is electric". A defender who would racfully concur is David O'Leary. The Republic of Ireland international is himself no sluggard, but he was left nantine in Lincker's he was left panting in Lincker's wake as the forward ran from the centre circle on to Sharp's Hick to score Everton's first goal in their 6-1 defeat of Arsenal in November.

Tuesday's results

FA CUP: Third round replay: Plymouth Argyle 0, Hull City 1 (Hull at home to Brighton). THEED DIVISION: Bristol City 4, Dericantes Rovers 1; Swammes City 2, Welcall 1, FA YOUTH CUP: Third round: Siactipool Q. Manchester City 1.

FOOTBALL COMBENATION: Queen's Park Rangers 5, Ipseich 1. preserved and there would be a more realistic chance of football cootbouing io Blackpool.

Shareholders will be required to give a 75 per cent majority vote to give a 75 per cent majority vote to encourse the new company at the

Two pairs of brothers named as Scotland make changes

Scotland have six new caps in the side to play France at Murrayfield a week on Saturday. They are Gavin Hastings, his brother Scott, Mick Duncan, Jeremy Campbell-Lamerton, Finlay Calder and David Sole.

These sweeping changes come after last Saturday's trial when the Possibles beat the Probables by 41 points to 10 and which prompted Robin Charters, chairman of the selectors, to say that they "could not fell to take into account the trial-

result."

By playing the Hastings brothers, it will be the first time that brothers have made their debut in a Scottish team since G. T. Neilson and W. Neilson in 1891. In the squad are another pair of brothers, David Johnston, in the centre, and Stuart Jahnston, a replacement scrum half.

From the evidence of the district championship in which the Anglo-Scots emerged as the strongest scrummaging unit, Milne at righthead is joined in the senior team at prop by Sole with Campbell-Lamerton in the second row. This should give Scotland a stable platform from which to work.

about Milne's general fitness and lack of mobility, although this is more than compensated for by the

more than compensated for by the rest of the pack.

The back row of Jeffrey, Beattle and Finlay Calder who replaces his twin brother Jim, are at their best going forward in support. None possesses that speed off the mark which is the scourse of the opposition back lines and they lack the weight of tackle which is an crucial in close situations.

Struct Johnston the impier side's

Strart Johnston, the junior side's scrum half, ran riot in the trial and one feels that Jerome Gallion may do likewise unless there is some attention paid to backrow defence. The other ingredient which may well be missed sgainst France is the sutiliary jumper to support Beattie at the tail of the lineout.

With Roberts not considered due to injury, the back line, which contains plenty of pace, looks solid rather than creative. The lack of a playmaker at inside centure may mean that we will not see the best of either David Johnston nor of Scott Hastings, both of whom have benefited greatly from their pairing

On the wings, Baird and Duncan are both fast players with the latter a particularly strong runner. One suspects that Gavin Hastings at full back will never play as well again as he did in the trial, but nonetheless he proved in that game the benefits of powerful intrusions into the back line.

of powerful the team is one which is geared to play attacking rugby, whether that be with hall in the hand ar the up and under kick and chase variety. The lack of a reliable goalkicker may also mean the Scotland are intent on scoring tries which is never an easy task against the French.



Twickenham sells out twice over

The Rugby Footbell have re-turned more than £! million to unsuccessful applicants who wanted tickets for the two five-nacons internationals at Twickenham this season. More than £700,000 has been sent back to clubs for the Wales game on January 18 and £300,000 for the Ireland match on March!

March I.

Clube will only get a third of what they wanted for the Weish match and half of those required for the brish fixture. And the RFU have irish inkurre. And the Arro have refused to give tickets to. "a number of schools and clubs" who have been found guilty of passing on part of their allocation for firms to use oo a commercial basis.

considered.

"The demand exceeded the actual tickets available by October 10 last year with quite a lot to spare". Richard Ankerson, the RFU ticket officer, said. "We have been automatically sending back applications from individuals and in fact one of my staff spends his whole day doing just that. He doesn't go out in the dark during the season.

"Some clubs and schools – not a substantial number – bave had their allocation withheld after it was discovered that some of their tickets

discovered that some of their tickets had been given to firms who

The total does not include the deluge of cheques from individuals, whose applications are not even considered.

• Ian Russell, the Royal Navy of lan Russell, the Royal Navy forward, has been suspended for a month after being sent off while playing for Plymouth Albioo on December 14. Russell was dismissed, along with the Exeter flanker, David Hartland, for fighting

ban. He was sent off against Tredegar, Hartland escaped punishment, the Devon disciplinary committee taking his previous good

SKIING

Finns have new wave of jumpers

A new crop of brilliant youngsters has begun to emerge to back up the dominance of Matti Nykanen, the world champion, who is now keen to recover his reputation after he was dropped from the Finnish squad after a poor performance and controversy surrounding his behaviour on tour io Canada and the United States, His coach said be had disturbed his team-mates and had had troubles with his drinking

Forespost among the new wave is Pertti Suorsa, aged 18, widely regarded as Finland's second-ranked jumper after Nykanan. Suorsa, an outstanding all-round athlete, proved his quality by beating the world's best at Oberstdorf in West Germany on the opening day of European ski jump week on December 30 and then jumping well for seventh place oo the second day.

Finland's ski jumping critics say Suorsa will take his place among the sport's clite if he can find consistency, a problem which faces all young jumpers, and cure a habit of splaying his skis during flight — a blemish which brings low marks from the style judges. He will also need to stand

who has been reinstated in the Finnish squad after patching things up with the Finnish Ski Federation. up with the Finnish Ski Federation.

Emintence in the sport in Finland,
and elsewhere, is usually only
reached by jumpers who start the
sport at an early age and the oumber
of good jumpers is low, inevitably,
because most would-be pracotioners are scared off by the
dangers. Suorsa, who is studying to
be an electrician, becam jumping be an electrician, began jumping when he was eight . . and he has overcome any fear. The Finnish national squad also

The Finnish national squad also contains several other promising youngsters including Ari-Pekka Nikkila, aged 16, who is feeling his way into top-flight international competition. Much is hoped from him in the sport which has captured the enthusiasm of the Finns since it was first introduced as a competitive agent in 1886 in Metricki. ove event in 1886 in Helsinki.

Ski jumping was originally established even earlier in the century by Norway. Today, Norway, Finland and neighbouring Sweden make a powerful Nordic triumvirate. They have been gradually joined on equal terms by countries in eastern and western Faurore Lunan the US and Canada Europe, Japan, the US and Canada. Youthful competitors, like Nyka-

nea, coupled with the advent of television, have helped bring ski jumping in the notice of hundreds of millions of sports fans.

Ski jumping also includes ski flying which can only be done from giant hills at Oberstdorf, Kulm in

Britain reopens its \$100m shop window

second world championship in succession and the Rothmans succession and the Rothmans Porsche in which Britain's Derek Bell became the 1985 sportscar

examples have already been secured examples have already been secured simplicity of Graham Hill's world from United States buyers. It is championship winning BRM of

MOTOR SPORT

world champioo.

March Engiocering, who, along with Lola Cars, have dominated Indy car racing to the United States io recent years, are showing their 1986 Indianapolis challenger, the SoC, but after the show closes oo Sunday this car, which carries a price tag of \$150,000 will be taken to the Cranfield Research Institute for a full scale crash test to prove its safety qualities.

Lola are unveiling their latest Sports 2000 car, the T86/90, for which orders for which orders for 30 estimated that Britain's motor 1962, which is also on display.

Celebration of Britain's sucess in racing industry is contribution international motor sport during the past year and the unveiling of several new cars for the coming season are the twin themes of the Racing Car Show which opens this morning at the Alexandra Palser. Pavilion in North London.

The exhibition, which is organized by the British Racing and Sports Car Club, will run for four days and be officially opened by Martin Brundle, leader of the Tyrrell Formula One team.

Among the exhibits will be the Marlboro MeLaren grand prix car with which MeLaren have won their second world championship in

The show covers the full spectrum of tootor sport froto grand prix to modified salooo and froto the latest rally supercars to hot-rods and dragsters. Sports-minded visi-tors will be able to buy anything from a complete racing car to a course of driving lessons, as well as special engines, tyres, wheels and clothing, race and rally equipment, or repair and restoration services.

opportunity to study at close quarters the intricacies of the latest breed of computer-programmed Formula One cars - a bewildering blend of sophistication and ingen uity io vivid contrast to the relative



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RUGBY LEAGUE: CAMPAIGN TO BE BASED ON GROUNDS OF UNFAIR DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FORD

Council to take up case of Cardiff winger

The Rugby League council, meeting in Leeds yesterday unanimously decided to take up the case of the banned Cardiff winger, Steve Ford, on the grounds that the Welsh Rugby Union's decision amounts in unfair discrimination against the Rugby Union's decision amounts in unfair discrimination against the player. David Howes, the League's public relations officer, said the League would launch a campaign attacking the RFU at the heart not be the control of the contro their constitution - the by-law which forbids free movement between the two codes.

The League will work through Parliament and the Central Council for Physical Recreation and (CCPR) take advice immediately from legal experts on the most effective method of attacking the sine die ban on Ford, who had trials with Leeds. Howes said MPs and members of the legal profession had been in couch with Leeds cauch cauch with Leeds. the legal profession and been in touch with Leage headquarters by The council have nominated telephone and letter pledging three referees to the international support for the campaign, and there was a strong likelihood that sympathetic MPs would put down Whitfield (Widnes).

Macklin
an early-day motion condemning the WRU's action. This would be a follow-up to a motion criticizing the RFU for their refusal in allow free minvernent between amateur players in the two codes.

The CCPR is an ideal framework for the League's campaign, since the RFU, the Rugby League and the British Amateur Rugby League wars any South Africass who are said to be thinking of joining the migration to England.

The Springbok internstitunal wing smiled with pleasure and some relief after his maspectacular but convincting debut in Wigan's 42-0 victory over Swinton. Then be became deadly serious as be said: "I would wars any South Africass who want

The CCPR is an ideal framework for the League's campaign, since the RFU, the Rugby League and the British Amateur Rugby League Association are all members. Howes said that at present the League did not intend implementing an implied threat to publish the names of other Welsh players who have had trials with League clubs.

deanly scrims as or same. I would warn any South Africass who want to follow Rob Louw and me into Rugby League too think hard about it and to come and study the game in England before making a decision. "Rugby League is a hard game as well as a skilful and fast one. The tackling is much harder in League; the tacklers hit you so such harder and make sure you go down and sometimes two or three players hit you at the same time. International Rugby Union is hard but this is the hardest tackling I've ever experienced. If Hull, as expected, best their amateur opponents - either Dudley Hill or Simus Cross - in the prebirninary round of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup, the first round game between Hull Kingston Rovers and Hull will be televised on February 8.

RUGBY LEAGUE DIARY Keith Macklin

ary of the touchline. On one occasion he sped across from the right wing to the left on a weaving crossfield run which almost made a try for Henderson Gill;

mented: "He's strong and fast and looks like a good winger".

Mordt and Wigan are encouraged by the fact that in the past 25 years some of the finest Runoy Leasure of the finest Runoy Leasure Mordt's credentials as a Rugby

talk to people and decide whether this is really what they want to do. Otherwise they may get a bit of a shock."

Mordt made a great impression on the knowledgeable Wigan crowd of nearly 13,000 on Sunday. On the instructions of the Wigan coaching saff he tried no spectacular stants, kept to his position and when the built came his way ran hard and straight.

Mordt's credentials as a Rugby League winger have been strongly endorsed by the Wigan chairman, Jack Hilton, himself a former Wigan and Great Britain touring team threequatter. After watching Sunday's game he waxed almost tyrical about the Springhok. "He'a got what it takes. He's brave, he runs straight, he knows when to come haide and when to stay obtaide".

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"Rugby League is a hard game as well as a skillini and fast one. The tackling is much harder in League; the tackling is much harder in League; the tackling is much harder and make sore you go down and sometimes two or three players hit you so much harder the same time. Intervational Rugby Union is hard but this is the hardest tackling I've ever experienced.

"Other players who want to come to this country should do what Rob and I did: come over bere for a couple of weeks, look at the game,

Mordt and Wigan are encouraged by the fact that in the past 25 years some of the finest Rugby League wingers have been South Africans. The magnificent Tom van Vollen-hoven, Trevur Lake, Len Killera, Wilf Rosenberg, Jan Prinsloo, Gert Coetter and the centre, Alan Skene, all made his innects on the came, all made big impacts on the game in Britain after signing from South African Engly Union.

Mordt relishes the challenge Mordt relishes the challenge. "After Smelay's game I know I can make it. I know what to expect and the Wigan coaches and players keep telling me where to stand and where to take up positions. Before long it will become second nature. Against Swinton I felt so good I wanted to let rip as my own but Wigan are a great team and the coaches files everybody to play to a team plan. That suits me."

Kesslin on a lenient mark

By Dick Hinder
The Nick Vigors-trained Kesslin, with a rempting 10st 12ib, was among the front-runners in all the bookmakers and post lists, following the publication of the weights for the Schweppes Gold Trophy vesteries.

for the Schweppes Gold Trophy yesterday.

Kesslin, ruaner-up to Harry Hastings in last season's Woterford Crystal Supreme Navices' Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival meeting, has been compening in top-class company this term and receives a generous 111b pull with Martin Pipe's Champion Hurdle hope, Corporal Clinger, for a two-length defeat in the Still Trucks Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham last month.

Vigora, more than satisfied with Hardle at Cheltenham last month.

Vigors, more than satisfied with
Kesslin's assessment for the season's most coveted handican hurdle,
to be staged at Newbury on
February 8, said: "Our fellow has
run in the three most competitive
hurdles so far this seeson and has
these well We are come to run him nurdles so far this sesson and has done well. We are going to run him in the Teal and Green Handicap Hurdle at Ascot on Friday. It's the first time he's tackled handicap company. He'll probably have top weight, but we hope his class will see him through. If be does well there, then the Schweppes is a definite possibility."

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Peter Haynes the Funtington trainer, is going to sit down and have a close study of the weights before declaring his hand with Southernair (11st 3fb), one of the most improved hurdlers in training, who landed Windsor's New Year's Day Hurdle hy two and a half lengths from the 1934 Schweppes score, Ra Nova, who gets a 3lb pull for Newbury. Martin Pipe, the Wellington

1.0 NOVICE HURDLE (Div t: £966; 2m) (23 runners)

22-3414 DOUBLETON (5) (CD) (A Ford) L Kennard 8-11-13 ...
PALLENTINE (D) (T Parroti) Mrs H Parrott 5-11-13 ...
RIVA ROSE (D) (W Gari) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-13 ...
ALDO KING (Mrs V Largiford) D (Aprino 0-11-6
BARRY SHEENE (Mrs A Ferguson) D Mumby-Smith 5-1

90/0421 JACK BILLMEIR (D) (K Condell) F Candell 5-10-9 3-30400 Met WILLIAM (D) (B Hacks) B Hacks 6-10-9 9-10-3040 POLO BOLY (B) (S Belding) G Balding 0-10-3 9-10-9 NERO WOLF (D) (B Whetton) R Juckse 6-10-7 900-00 CENTALIS SONG (D Underwood D Underwood 6-10-0 00-43b1 BONFIRE (B) (F Hadger) F Hadger 5-10-6 (6 ext) 400210 POCELLA (D) (F M F Farmers Lid) S Mellor A-10-5 (6 ext) 430210 GREY TORNADO (D Short) T Keenor 5-10-0 0000/6 HOLD THAT TICKER (C Parker) S Mellor 7-10-0 0000/6 HOLD THAT TICKER (C Parker) S Mellor 7-10-0 000000 GREATEST HETS (D) (3 Kert) W Kertp 9-10-0 000000 GREATEST HETS (D) (3 Kert) W Kertp 9-10-0 000000 GREATEST HETS (D) (3 Kert) W Kertp 9-10-0 000000 GREATEST HETS (D) (A Jehrsy) D Jerrey 12-10-0 0010-0 Mellor D SANCER (D) (A Jehrsy) D Jerrey 12-10-0 0010-0 Mellor D SANCER (D) (A Jehrsy) D Jerrey 12-10-0 0010-0 Mellor D SANCER (D) (A Jehrsy) D Jerrey 12-10-0 0010-0 Mellor D SANCER (D) (A Jehrsy) D Jerrey 12-10-0 0010-0 Mellor D SANCER (D) (A Jehrsy) D Jerrey 12-10-0 0010-0 Mellor D SANCER (D) (A Jehrsy) D Jerrey 12-10-0 0010-0 Mellor D SANCER (D) (A Jehrsy) D Jerrey 12-10-0 0010-0 Mellor D SANCER (D) (A Jehrsy) D Jerrey 12-10-0 0010-0 Mellor D SANCER (D) (A Jehrsy) D Jerrey 12-10-0 0010-0 Mellor D SANCER (D) (A Jehrsy) D Jerrey 12-10-0 0010-0 Mellor D SANCER (D) (A Jehrsy) D Jerrey 12-10-0 0010-0 Mellor D SANCER (D) (A Jehrsy) D Jerrey 13-10-0 0010-0 Mellor D SANCER (D) (A Jehrsy) D Jerrey 13-10-0 0010

Cosch, 12 Pole Boy, Sonfire, 14 others.

FORRIS, BELL HOP (10-5) used off behind Royal Harbour (10-6) at Taurston; surfer (11-2) 51 2nd to Allado (11-2) at Plumpton (2m Sell Holle, 2852, firm, Oct 16, 8 ran). BELLERINO (11-5) 31 where from Enc's Wish (11-5) at Stratford (2m Sell Holle, 2720, firm, May 31, 13 ran). GALAMACUITER (10-8) 13 37 do Cris Mal (10-1) at Constantan (2m Hose) Holle, 25, 136, heavy, Dec 3 aras, BOS AND PETER (11-3) made all to beat Lady Firepower (10-5) 74 at Werwick (2m Juv Holle, 2535, soft, Dec 13, 25 ran). JACK BILLMEIR (10-11) beat Pempered Gipsy (11-6) 8 at Chepstow (2m Sell Hose) Holle, 2635, good, Oct 5, 12 min, BONRIEE (10-9) beat Classec Owen (11-6) 4 at Palamham (2m Sell Hose) Holle, 2637, good, Dec 20, 7 ran). LES DANCER (10-0) 13 4th to Contra (11-2) at Newton About (2m Sell Hose) Holle, 2558, heavy, Dec 26, 11 ran).

Selections BOS AND PETER

7-1 Combs Dirich, 15-9 Finy Dokars More, 9 Tracoys Special, 33 others.

PORNA: COMBS DITCH-(11-10) a nack 2nd to Wayward Led (11-10) at Kempton (3m Ch), previously (11-9) say 71. accure from Final Argument (10-11) at Cheltenham (2m 4f H'cap Cg. £12224, soft, Dec 7, 7 mh.) FETY DOLLARS MORE (11-5) on seasonal debut best Leen Ort (10-5) 71. at Hersford (2m 4f Ch. £1223, good, Dec 10, 2 mh.) TRACTYS SPECIAL (11-10) best effort less season when 22l. 3rd to Integration (10-0) at Ascot (3m H'cap Ch. £5014, good Oct 31, 5 mg.) 90C(SD DOWNE (11-5) never in with a chance when 5th to Johns Present (10-13) at Chapetow (2m 4f H'cap Ch. £2129, soft, Dec 21, 17 ms).

Selection: COMBS DITCH

Bob And Peter, 5 Jack Billmeir, 12 Polo Bov. Bontice, 14 others.

2.00 JOHN BULL CHASE (£2,841; 2m 5f) (5)

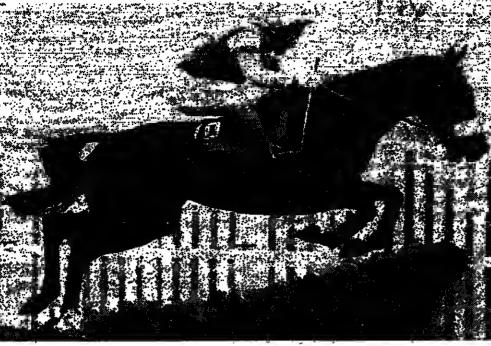
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WINCANTON

BATTLE DRUM (Lady E Nugerd) O Nogers 0-11-5 ...
DEWSPRY 807 (BF) (Dr P Brown) F Winter 0-11-5 ...
HRGH REEF (K Liveck) O Tucker 5-11-6 ...
LAPOSES (F Hithins) Mr J Pitminn 0-11-5 ...
MORAL VICTORY (Mrs K Perrin) G Baiding 0-11-6 ...
OGDEN YORK (BF) (Briden Thoroughbred R & B Pic) J Fran

PADDY O'ERREN (S Borfield) C Popham 0-11-6
PARAMS (P Walvays) P Walvays 5-11-6
PEGMELL BAY (Major A Barlow) T Forster 0-11-6
LIPHAM GAIRBLE (H Brishcerth) D Gendollo 5-11-6
PLYING FREE (S Ratter) (Warde 8-11-1
KIRBBLE LASS (M Hawkett) G Thorner 5-11-1
WOODLANDS ANGEL (Wiss J Heritage) O Tucker 5-11-1
UNCORNERED (Mrs C Howard) A Davison 4-10-0
POCO LOCO (Mrs C Howard) A Davison 4-10-0
UNCORNERED (Mrs L Wisson) R Frost 4-10-3
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Tom Sharp among the favourites for the Schweppes Gold Trophy

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2.30 LILLO LUMB CHALLENGE CUP (HANDICAP CHASE) (£2,066: 3rr

KING-BA-BA (A Wates) R Gow 11-11-8

LATE NIGHT EXTRA (1-Col E Philippt) K Balley 10-11-8

KING'S BISHOP (CD) STRUCT All Alto Khamstrij F-Winter 9-11-3

FREEWINEL (CD) Mins C Binghang P & Balley 11-11-10 (5 ex)

CARE (S Salinsbury) T Forster 10-10-8

PUCKA PELLA (D) (Ans O Tucker) Mrs O Tucker 12-10-12

MACOLIVER (B) (A J Bingley Lid) Mrs J Piersen 0-10-0

WILD GAMBLE (Mrs S Cobden) J H Cobden 12-10-0

GRIEENOME PRODE (Andrew Baird Tennis Courts) P Burgoyne 9-10-4

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300304 MARCHANT (D) (White Bros (Tauthon)) J Thoms 14-10-0 L Bloomfeld 4
291-p34 MOUNT PEDDANE (9) (Lady Conran) P Jones 10-10-0 G Landen 7

3 King's Bishop, 4 Care, 9-2 Fredwell, 6 Macoliver, 8 Golden Hornet, 18 Lite Night Extra, 12 King Ba Ba, 14 Membridge, 16 others.

Ring Ba Ba, 14 Membridge, 16 others.

FBON: KINGS SENHOP (10-12) weakened on the run-in when just over 5L 4th.to Contratest (11-10) with CROZERIBOEE (10-3)-20. Winner from Co Member (10-5) with MOUNT PEDDANE (10-0) 34. behind in 4th IONG BA BA (11-1) another 2.1 ½L beck in 5th and CROZERIBOEE (10-0) puts up here (8h 1f Hrosp Ch. 1250s, soft. Dec 26, 9 run). CARE (11-5) just over 25L 4th to Johns Present (10-13) at Chepstow (2n 4f Hrosp Ch. £2128 soft. Dec 21, 17 run). MACOLIMER (11-8) neck scorer from Bargis (11-1) at Humingdon (3n Hrosp Ch. £1305, good, Dec 11, 10 ran). MEMBERIDGE (10-4) best efforts this season when 17 ½ 4th to Hazy Surset (11-7) at Sentiows (2n 4f Hrosp Ch. £3118, good to firm, Nov 29, 4 ran)

Selection: FREDWEL.

5-2 Akram, 100-30 Bickleigh Bridge, 5 Gregeful Helr, Hiz, 11-2 The County Stone, 7 Tudol Road, 10 Freddle Bee, 14 Some Stor. 20 Gring.

FORM: GRATEPUL HEIR (16-13) 7L Srd to Royal Tn Do (10-2) at Notingham (2m Sf H'cap Ch, E1,741, good, Dac 21, 0 rap), BICKLENSH BRIDGE (11-0) beat Fire Drill (11-13) 2 ½ L at Davon (2m 11 H'cap Ch, E2,960, heavy, Jan 1, 7 ran), 182 (11-4), 7L 2nd to Deep Ampression (11-11) at Warwick (2m Nov Ch, E1,672, good to soft, Dec 13; 15 ran), THE COUNTY STONE (10-0) ½ L, 2nd to Ryeman (10-4) at Cheltenham (2m 4f H'cap Ch, 27,532, soft, Jan 1, 5 ran), ANRAM (10-2) beat Jugedor (12-9) 1½ L and to Energies (10-3) here (2m H'cap Ch, 22,224, good to soft, Jan 1, 5 ran), TUDOR ROAD (10-4) 21, 2nd to Energies (10-3) here (2m H'cap Ch, 21,520, soft, Dac 25, 5 ran).

*Selection: THE COUNTY STONE

2 Christian Schad, 7-2 Yrolan Prince, 9-2 Clearly Bust, 3 Vital Boy, 0 Fort Rupert, Careen, emoor Patrol. Kitto, 13 others.

FORM: HOLEMOOR PATROL 2nd in a 2 horse race lest time; previously (10-12) best Drum Maker (10-12) a short head at Worcester (2m 2f Nov Hole, 21,945, firm, Oct 26, 6 ran). NTTO besten 38L by Ten Pius lest time, previously (11-2) best Comody Lame (11-8) 41, here on Nov 28 (2m Nov Hole, 2764, good to firm, 3 ran). CAPEEN (10-10) 13 7). 6 the of 11 to Make of Shee (10-7) at Devon (2m 11 Nov Hole, 2568, good, Sept 3). CLEARLY BUST (11-10) best Asswer (11-0) a head at Southwell (2m Nov Hole, 2565, good, Sept 2). CLEARLY BUST (11-10) best Asswer (11-0) a head at Southwell (2m Nov Hole, 2565, good, 2f). CLEARLY BUST (11-10) best Asswer (11-0) a head at Southwell (2m Nov Hole, 2565, good, 2f). CLEARLY BUST (11-10) (10-9) 137L. 4th to Bel Founder (10-4) at Lingfield (2m Nov Hole, 2567, good to soft, Dec 7, 20 ran). CHRUSTIAN SCHAD (11-0) 10.2 nd of 11 to Tampopnet (11-0) at Chellenthem (2m Nov Hole, 24, 168, soft, Jan 1). Selection: CHRUSTIAN SCHAD

3.30 NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: 2993: 2m) (23)

trainer, will not piece together his schweppes entries. Schweppes entry until after Cats Eyes, allocated 10st 6lb, competes in the Irish Sweeps Hurdle on complaints, about the weighting of his six Schweppes entries. He said that Robin Wonder Chrystor (10st 6lb), Comedy Fair (10st 5lb) and David Elsworth; are looked fairly treated, but could offer no explanation for the eight-year-old's disappointing show behind set the Retreat is unlikely to line on captanation for the eight-year-old's disappointing show behind set. The Robin Wonder (9st 9lb) are cold's disappointing show behind set. The Robin Wonder (9st 9lb) are cold's disappointing show behind set. The Robin Wonder (9st 9lb) are cold's disappointing show behind set. The Robin Wonder (9st 9lb) are cold's disappointing show behind set. The Robin Wonder (9st 9lb) are cold's disappointing show behind set. The Robin Wonder (9st 9lb) are cold's disappointing show behind set. The Robin Wonder (9st 9lb) are cold's disappointing show behind set. The Robin Wonder (9st 9lb) are cold's disappointing show behind set. The Robin Wonder (9st 9lb) are cold's disappointing show behind set. The Robin Wonder (9st 9lb) are cold's disappointing show behind set. The Robin Wonder (9st 9lb) are cold's disappointing show behind set. The Robin Wonder (9st 9lb) are cold's disappointing show behind set. The Robin Wonder (9st 9lb) are cold's disappointing show behind set. The Robin Wonder (9st 9lb) are cold's disappointing show behind set. The Robin Wonder (9st 9lb) are cold's disappointing show behind set. The Robin Wonder (9st 9lb) are cold's disappointing show behind set. The Robin Wonder (9st 9lb) are cold's disappointing show behind set. The Robin Wonder (9st 9lb) are cold's disappointing show behind set. The Robin Wonder (9st 9lb) are cold's disappointing show behind set. The Robin Wonder (9st 9lb) are cold's disappointing show behind the Robin Wonder (9st 9lb) are cold's disappointing show behind the Robin Wonder (9st 9lb) are cold's disappointing show behind the Robin Wonder (9st

Rewarding chance for Combs Ditch By Mandarin

Combs Ditch, the chaser who has a whiff of oxygen to relieve his breathing difficulties after each race, can get back on the winning trail at Wincanton today following his excellent dispaly in the King George VI Chase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day

his excellent dispaly in the King George VI Chase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day.

David Elsworth's ten-year-old, despite a sustained challenge on the run-in, failed by a neck to carch Wayward Lad and lost in caste in defeat. Previously this high-class chaser had woo the Still Fork Trucks Gold Cup over 2½ miles at Cheltenham in convincing style, and should be capable of bearing Fifty Dollars More at level weights in today's John Bull Chase, run over two miles five furlongs.

Fred Winter's 11-year-old has been very lightly raced over the past two seasons, winning his only start in the 1984-85 campaign, at Devon & Exeter, in which his victory-was overshadowed by the loss of Noddy's Ryde, who broke a leg. Fifty Dollars More returned this term with a hollow success over two moderate rivals at Hereford in December, and may not be strong enough to hold Combs Ditch's expected late surge.

Tracys Special was o tour de force two seasons ago, landing five of his last six chases, but Andrew Turnell's nine-year-old has not been seen on a racecourse since trailing in last of the nine finishers in the 1984

nine-year-old has not been seen on a racecourse since trailing in last of the nine finishers in the 1984 Hennessy Gold Cup, and may be best watched this time.

Combs Ditch's rider, Colin Brown, should also be on the mark in the Lillo Lumb Challenge Cup in which he teams up again with the Fred Winter-trained King's Bishop, who afte a lengthy absence, was a close-up fourth behind Contradeal at Worcester in December.

at Worcester in December.

King's Bishop showed a good deal of promise in novice chases two seasons ago when trained by Les Kennard, and this course and distance winner is made the best bet of the day to account for Jenny

of the day to account for Jenny Pitman's Macoliver and Care, from Tim Forster's in-form stable. Lambourn trainers mount a particularly strong challenge in the first division of the Novices' Hurdle, which includes John Francome's Ogden York, Peter Walwyn's Parang and David Murray-Smith's Barry Sheene. I expect Mrs Pitman, another Lambourn trainer to mevall with Riva

bourn trainer, to prevail with Riva Rose, who showed an excellent turn of foot when beating Jacuzzi by eight lengths at Worcester last month.

The second division of this event can go to Clearly Bust. This former Flat performer has taken well to the winter game and was landing his second consecutive victory when catching Asswan close home at 12 Doubleton, 14 others.

5.2 Riva Rose, 7-2 Parang, 5 Ogden York, 13-2 Upham Gambie, 3 Moral Victory, Aido King, 12 Doubleton, 14 others.

FORMs BOURLETON (11-0) 281 4th of 15 to Flying Officer (10-10) at Devon (2m 11 Hosp Hide, 24.350, heavy, Jan 1). RIVA ROSE (11-0) heat, Jacuzzi (11-0) 88 at Workshop (2m Nov Hide, 2554, 20 min, ALDO KING (11-0) 88 at Workshop (2m Nov Hide, 2554, 300, heavy). Jan 1). RIVA ROSE (11-0) heat, Jacuzzi (11-0) 88 at Workshop (2m Nov Hide, 2554, 300, heavy). Jan 1) Riva Rose, 1.30. L30 Pocella, 2.0 Combs Ditch, 2.30 KING'S BISHOP (nap). 3.0 Grateful Heir, 3.30 Clearly Bust.

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3.00 BLACKMORE VALE HANDICAP CHASE (21,812-2m) (9)

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4 1210-31 BICKLERSH BRIDGE (CD) (5 Burfeld) JD Roberts 12-11-5 [5 std].

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who ran creditably when third behind Royal To Do at Notting-ham. The seven-year-old is just preferred to course specialist Bickleigh Bridge.

Record prizes at Newbury

Prize money for the 14 day's Flat racing at Newbury this year will be a record £752,150, an increase of £162,050 on last year. The increase is due to a large cootribution made by race sponsors. Already one of the most heavily sponsored courses in Britain, the Berkshire track now

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Britain, the Berkshire track now receives, support for 49 of its 84 scheduled Flat races.

Announcing the sponsorship in London yesterday course chairman Lord Porchester said: "Our sponsored prize muney for the season amounts to £308,680, an increase of 65 per cent on last year's total."

The sponsorship drive has The sponsorship drive has produced 17 new backers. They include Matchmaker, the American-based worldwide stallion nomination and shares exchange, which is contributing £15,000 towards the s contributing £15,000 towards the £25,000 group three Horris Hill takes at the October meeting.

Hereford lost

Racing resumes today at Wincanton and Punchestown after two blank days, and the prospect for Ascot tomorrow are bright. Nn inspection is planned at Wincanton where the ground is soft.

Today's Southwell Service and Today's Southwell fixture was lost to frost and snow, and racing at Hereford tomorrow has already been called off for the same reason. This is the 32nd meeting of the year to be lest.

Bonalma backed Bonaima backed

Irish bookmaker Sean Graham
reports steady support for last year's
runner-up Bonalma who is now 5-1
favourite for Saturday's Sweeps
Handicap Hurdle, at Leopardstown.
Graham originally qutoed Bonalma,
whose trainer Arthur Moore has
won the event three times since
1979, at 7-1 joint-favourite with
Marc Miller but has laid the horse to
lose £40,000 in the past 48 hours.
Another local horse, Dochas, has
been backed from 12-1 and is now
bracketed with Marc Miller on the
8-1 mark.

Newnes appeal

A Jockey Club spokesman has confirmed that the banned jockey Billy Newnes is to appeal for a reduction in his three-year sentence. reduction in his three-year sentence. Newness was banned for three years on January 31 1984 for allegedly accepting £1,000 from the professinnal gambler Harry Bardsley. So far he has missed two Flat seasons. Newnes's solicitor. Matthew McCloy, has submitted a formal request to the Jockey Chub to review the ban, but no date has been set for a hearing. The 26-year old Liverpool-both jockey won the 1982 Oaks and Champion Stakes on Time Charter. He was allowed to continue work at Henry Candy's Kingstone Warren stable, although ant as a jockey.

Course specialists WINCANTON
TRAINERS: F Winter, 24 winners from 70, 1100ms 24,3%; Mrs J Pitresn, 10 from 52, 19.2%; M Gassiee, 3 from 43, 18.9%; JOCKETS: B of Hann; 13 winners from 65, 10se 19.7%; K Mooney, 18 winners from 102, 17.6%; P Barton, 12 from 77, 15.6%.

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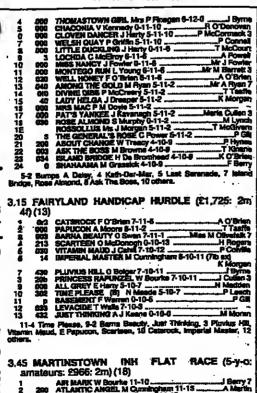
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Dessie Hughes the Kildare trainer whose three runners in Saturday's Sweeps Handican Hurdle at Leopardstown include the top weight Miller Hill, entertains most hope for his recent Fairyhouse winner William Crump. The case in favour of William Crump will be strengthened if Dancing Heather can centy top weight to victory in the Bull. Hill. Novice Handicap Hurdle at Panchestown this afternoon. Dancing Heather got within three-quarters of a length of William Crump, and that run makes more appeal than Livin Berrati, who finished third to Pargan at Leopardstown

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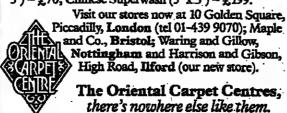
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teenage report. Glynn Christian with a recipe; and Richard Smith's 'phone-in medical surgery. 9.20 Coefex. 10.30 Play School (r). 10,50 Confax.

12.20 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Molra Stuart, includes news headlines with subtitles. 12.55 Regional news. The weather details come from Bill Giles. TENTO

1.00 Peoble MIII at One presented by Josephine Buchan from the Isles of Scilly. She explores the islands in the company of writer Robin Page. 1.45 Hokey Cokey, presented by Carol Chell and Don Spencer (r). 2.00 Ceefax. 3.52 Regional

3.55 T.T.V. Tea Time Television for the young. 4.10 SuperTed. 4.15 Jacksnory. Rik Mayali reads the fourth part of Roald (T &) Dahl'o tale, George's Marvellous Medicine, 4.30 Ulysses 31. Animated science

flotion series.

4.55 John Craven's Newsround.
5.05 Blue Peter. The guest today is Arnold Strang who has been the voice of the for the past 25 years (Ceefax)

5.35 First Class. A video quiz for schools, introduced by Debbie Greenwood. 6.00 News with Sue Lawley and

Nicholas Witchell Weather, 6.35 London Plus. T.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Mike Smith and Steve Wright.

T.30 ExetEnders. Angle decides to rown up to taking Den's car to go to the daris match while Name finds help with her cast and carry shopping from an unexpected source (Ceefax).

8.00 Tomorrow's World. Peter Macann reports from a new space simulator in Toronto; Judith Hann tests a car wheel changing device that could be 2 boon to the unmedianical; -and joins Howard Stableford in an investigation into the harmful effects of visual display units. There are also items on an aid to help deaf people anloy television; and an almost stient concrete crusher.

8.30 A Question of Sport. Bill .
Beaumont and Emilyn Hughes are joined by John Barnas, Fatima Whithread, Graham Gooch and Cilif Thorburn. David Coleman is the questionmaster (Ceefax).

9.00 News with Julia Somerville and John Humphrys. Weather 9.30 Blackadder IL The first of a new series starring Rowan Atkinson as Edmund Blackadder, appointed by Good Queen Beas to file position of Lord High -Executioner. With Time

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11.00 Great Experiments. Professo Hainz Wolff presents the first of six films about turning. points in science. Tonight's film is Energy for Sale (r).

11.25 Masstro, Frank Keating talks to golfer. Tony Jacklin at his ... Jersey home about the glorious 12 months some 15 years ago when Jacklin won both the British and United States Open titles (r). 2.00 Weather.

TV-am 6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond
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5.36, 7.06, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; exercises at \$.20 and 9.17; sport at \$.38 and 7.34; regional report at 7.15; carbon'st 7.24; pop video at 7.56; Jeni Barnett's positing at 8.34; highlights from the first two years of TV-am at 8.45; Claim Rayner at 8.04 and 8.12.

9.30 For Schools: How a letter reaches its destination, 9,42 The story of the Fortoles's Tig-of-War. 9.54 Tacking germs, 10.11 Part one of a Russian film version of Robinson Crusos, 18.28 Hov outside events can affect a family's relationship, 11,03 Dinosaurs and their environment. 11.20 Making things move: 11.37 How we used to live.

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12:00 The Glidy Gime Shopswith Bernard Brasslaw, Bit Fraser, and Redvers Kyle, 12:10 Puddle Lane, Puppet series ith Neil Innes (r). 12.30 The 1.00 News at One with Leonard

Parkin. 1.20 Thamse news presented by Robin Housto 1.30 Falcon Crest: Drama serial starring Jane Wyman as the scheming matriarch of a Californian wine business. 2.25 Home Cooleary Club. 2.30 Daytime. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio debate on the perils of occupational stress. fith Joan Morecambe and Doctors Carey Cooper and

Christine Pickerd, 3.00 Gene Drama serial set in the Coveni Garden workshops of a tashion design company, 3.25. Thames never headings, 3.30 Sons and Daughters.

4.00 The Giddy Game Show, A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.10 The Telebugs, Cartoon series.
4,15 Ragdelly Anna.
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Bellamy goes in search of the world's most threats animals and plants. 4.40
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5.45 News with Martyn Lewis, 6.00

5.25 Helpi Viv Taylor Gee with news of a hydrocephalus support group. 4.35 Crossroads. Adam and Jill differ about their future. 7.00 Emmerdale Ferm, Harry

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8.30 Minder: Willesden Suite. Arthur is making a nice living from supplying the Haven Lodge Flotel and is even more manageress introduces him to the local Rotary Club who sak him to address their next meeting (r) (Oracle).

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4.30 World Darts. Tony Gubba presents highlights of last night's play in the Embassy World Professional Darts

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6.00 Star Trak. Captain Kirk'o

fourth in the series of six given by Professor David Pye on the

reunion with an old friend on

warmongering group of Klingons is detected. Should

Kirk disobey the policy of non-interference or should be

break the rules and help his threatened friend and the rest

of his people? (r).

Discovering Animats, in this first of a new series Tony Soper hand-feeds one of the

rarest of Britain's mammals the bine marten. Also in this

programme are badgers.

7.15 Pier: The Thief of Bagded. (1940) starring Sabu, Conrad Veidt and June Dupres. An Arabian Nights story about the

9.00 Yes, Prime Minister, A new

Arabian ingines acry about a wrongfully imprisoned King of Bagdad who escapes to Basra with the help of a resourceful young trief. Directed by Michael Powell, Ludwig Berger and Tim Whelan.

series of the peerless comed begins with Jim Hacker firmly

less firmly in control of his

Cestax) (see Choice).

insconced at Number Ten but

40 Minutes: The Gift of Life. A

documentary, made by Julia

following saven couples thoring to become parents by the in Vitro Fertilization method (see Choice).

quarterfinal of the Embassy World Professional Darts

Championship, Followed by

Kingsley Amis reading Philip Larkin'o Vars de Societe.

Embassy World Professional Championship, Ends at 12.15.

10.50 Newsnight, 11.35 Weather.

11.40 World Darts. Highlights of the second questerfinal of the

McLaren over a period of

months at London's

nt'a defende policy

the planet Neural takes a alniator turn when a

Championship.

5.00 The Royal Institution

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because you will probably be too busy laughing; YES, PRIME:
MINISTER (BBC 2, 9.00pm) is as near to being black cornedy as Antony Jay's and Jonathan Lynn's incomparable political sketches have ever got. While Jim Hacker was responsible only for the nation's administrative affairs, his incomparable one did not not a the kind incompetence old not pose the kind-of serious threat that required the of serious threat that required me troops to be called out. Now that he is at No 10, with access to the nuclear."Go." button, this nincompoopery is as nightments as anything in Dr Strangelove.
"Supposing I went off my rocker?", he enquires of Sir Humphrey, now elevated to Cabinet Secretary." think the Cabinet might notice,

CHOICE ever know, would we", says the netion's top general. You will have gethered from all this that the logical idiocy that has been a speciality of this comedy series when they were Whitehall-based has not been veakened by their transfer to Downing Street indeed, there is a short, sharp exchange between Hacker and Sir Humphrey on nuclear deterrance in tonight's story that is as brilliantly written and performed as anything I can remember in any past episode.

Julia McLaren's film about testtube bables, THE GIFT OF LIFE (68C2, 9.30pm) is too busy with the mechanics of the technique to worry his head about the ethics. The couples in the film sec IVF as the only way out of their infertility, and that is the beginning and end of it so

2.30 Snooker. The first semifinal of the Mercantile Credit Classic, 4.30 Countdown, Yesterday's winner is challenged be David Weller from Leamington Spa.

CHANNEL 4

5.00 Tennis: The WCT World Doubles Championship. The commentators at London's Royal Albert Half are Simon Reed and David Lloyd.

6.30 From the Inside - The Unions The first of a new oaries shot entirely on location on Tyneside with the assistance of the TUC and unions; showing how trade unions work at grassroots level. This evening's programms, Punch and Judy, features George Alison and George Partridge, two Tyneside bus workers and union officers campaigning to retain the Tynaside integrated transport system threatened by the 1985 Transport Bill.

7.00 Channel Four news with Trevor McDonald and Alastein

T.50 Comment from student Judith Monaghan, chairman of the United Nations Youth Council Westher.

Opiniona: Misrute Britannia. The first of a new series in which six contemporary Britons give their views of aspects of British society and their blueprints for national regeneration. To launch the. series, Norman Stone, Professor of Modern History at Oxford University, offers a new analysis of "The British

8.30 Treesure Hunt. Val and Era Herrison from Solfnut guide Annelca Rice through the Oxfordshire countryside in search of hidden treasurs.

9.30 Film on Four Take 2: First Love - Sharms and Beyond (1984) starring Michael Maloney, Suzanne Burden and Robert Urquhart. Stephen, an English teacher, is obsessed ith science fiction, especially with that written by Evan Gorley-Peters, While taking students round the writer's country house, Stephen meets Natasha, Directed By Brian Gilbert (r). Starting Out. The first of a

series of eight film dramas set in and around an inner city youth club. Escapes, by Grazyna Monvid, concerns Derek, the younger brother of the youth club secretary, who is abused by his parerits and takes soluce in olue sniffing. Starring Yolande Palfrey and Nicholas Bond Owen. The film was shown on ITV Schools programmes this morning with people the opportunity to discuss the predicament. Directed by Gootf Husson.

11.35 My Brother's Keeper. A documentary about the work of Campion House, a home run by Roman Catholics for severely mentally handicapped children. (Previously shown in the Themes area.) Ends 12.05.

On long wave, falso VHF stereo 5.55 Shipping, 8.90 News Briefing; Weather, 6.19 Farming Today, 6.26 Prayer for the Day,† 6.30 Today, Incl 6.30, T.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Business News, 6.55, 7.56, Weather, 7.00, 8.00 News, T.25, 8.25 Sport, 7.46 Thought for the

Radio 4

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2.43 More Wresting Than Denoing.
Dayd Morean recalls attempts:
come to pripe with the (4). The
Cat That Loves Dogs. 8.57

9.00 News. 9.05 The Nat Hist Show: No Longer in 2.05 The Nat Hist Strow: No Longer in the Phik. Fergus Keeling and Lional Kelleway meet widthe people. Today's programme locues on astmon.

2.35 Influences (new series): Bernard Rutherford talks to two people with a common link. Today:

Jeffrey Archer and Roy
Hattersley, MP (r).

10.00 News; Medicine Now, with Geoff Wratts.

10.30 Nomine Story: Level 5 by Mark.

80.30 Morning Story: Level 5 by Mark. Childs. Reader: Timothy

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Bentinck.

10.45 An Act of Worshlo.†
11.09 News; Travet: A Very Superior
Baby, Marjorie Lothrouse reports
on the work of the repository of
Germinal Choice, a spectra-bank
in California hodding-contributions
from Nobel prize-wavers and
other outstanding men (r).

11.48 No Laughing Matter! Margaret
Horsifield shares the thoughts of
the colour-bind.

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer
advise, with John Howard.

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12.27 Transatiantic Cutz.† 12.55 1.00 The World At One; News.

1.00 The World At One; News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping. 2.08 Wornan's Hour. A report by Cheryl similage on sheltared housing for the eticity. She visits Shelfield and Bournemouth to talk to OAPs. Plus episode eight of Crampton Hodner.
3.00 The Afternoon Play; Anthony. The first of three plays, by Andrew Rissik. With Ronald Pickup, Benedict Taylor, Tessa Peaks-Jones and Paintak Troughton. The story of a man dogged by a sense of failure, though outwardly a success. 1

4.05 Bookshelf, Hunter Davies plays

documentary is concerned. The high failure rate gives added drama to the sequence in which a hopeful wife, watching a TV monitor from her bed, watches the collection of her unfertifized eggs. The film is as uncompromisingly detailed as that.

Radio highlights: Radio 4's documentary and phone in about burglary, BREAK-IN (7.40pm) is so all-embracing that it even includes burglars explaining why they do it... Two Sibelius favourites in tonight's Radio 3 concert by the tonight's Radio 3 concert by the BBC Scottish SO, the Symphony No 1 and, of course, Finlandia (7.55pm)...lain Johnstone's profile of Orson Welles in STAR SOUND EXTRA (Radio 2, 10.30pm) is well firmed. BBC TV's season of Welles movies ended only a week or so

far as this remarkable 40 Minutes (actually 45, for this week only) documentary is concerned. The

Peter Davalle

Spy with Lan Delighton and Anthony Hyde.
4.35 Kaleicoscope, Arts magazine presented by Natelle Wittern (last night's edition, revised).
5.00 PM: News Magazine, 5.60 Shipping, 5.65 Weather.
6.00 News; Firsancial Report.
6.30 My Word! Panel game with Dilys Powell and Frank Muir challencing Antonia France and challenging Antonia Fraser and Denis Norden (r).

7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
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7.20 Any Anewers? A chance for listeners to air their views on some of the subjects raised in lest week's Any Questions?
7.40 Break-In. One in every 40 householders a yeer is now a victim of burglary. Chris Serie investigates some of the causes and effects, of this crims wave. Followed by a phone-in when listeners will be able to put their questions to Superintendent The Archers.

questions to SuperIntandent Philip Vester and Helen Reeves, Director of the National Association of Victims Support

9.00 Does He Take Sugar? presented by John Mills.

3.30 Barry Fantori Asks. . . A look at Chinese horoscopes.

9.45 Kaletioscope. Includes comment on El Hakawati, at the Almeida; and the film Fire Festival at the ICA.

10.15 A Book At Bedtime: Vice Verse by F. Anstey (5), Reader: David Cavis. 10.29 Weather.
10.30 The World Tonight.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Budisign Salterton's War. Joyce Dennys describes wartime life in a small seeside town (r).
12.00 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forcest.

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above accept 5.55-6.00em Weather: Travel 9.05-10.45 For Schools: 9.05 Noticeboard. 8.10 A Service for Schools. 9.30 Secondary English 11-14. 9.50 First Steps in Drama. 10.10 Playtime. 10.25 Country Dancing Stage 1. 11.05-12.00 For Schools: 11.00 Noticeboard. 11.05 in the News: 11.30 Wavelength. 1.55-3.00pm For Schools: 1.55 Listening Corner. 2.05 The Song Tree. 2.20 Living Language. 2.40 Newscast. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 12.30-1.10am Schools: Night-time Broedcasting: Secondary English 14-11 Archive Resources. VHF (available in England and S

Radio 3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: Gibbons's
Pavan and Galliard (Christopher
Hogwood, harpsichord); Handel's
ballet music il pastor fido (English
Baroque Scioleta); Vaugitan
Williams's English Folk Song
Suite (Boston Pope); Bruch's
Concerto for viole, ciarinet and
orchestra (LSO with Imai, viola
and King, clarinet); Grainger's
Shephard's Hey (ECO); 18.06
News.
8.05 Concert (contd): Berlioz's
overture (King Lear (LSO);
Mendelssohn's Fantasis in F
eherp minor (Lydis Artymiw, 6.55 Weather, 7,00 News.

wendersons a restaurage of the heart minor (Lydie Artymiw, pieno); Mozart's Oboe Concerto in C, K 314 (Heinz Holliger with Amsterdam Concertgebouw).†

9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer: this week is compose; Stravinsky, Symphoties of Wind Instruments (Nash Ensemble); Four Russian Songe (Davidova, soprano and Ljubinov, piano); the baltet Rite of Spring (Cleveland Orchestra).† 10.00 Mozart: I Musici play the

Symphony No 13; and the Serenade in G (Eine Kleine Nacrtmusik),†
10.35 French Clarinet Music: David
Harman, with John York (plano).
Jean-Jean's Scherzo britante; Gaubert's Fantaisle; Saint-Gaubert's Fantaisle; Saint-Saens's Sonata. Op 187.1 11.10 Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra (under Koopman). Part one. Bach's State No 4 in D, BWV 1089; and State No 1 in C, BWV 1088.1

11.55 Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC (ri.t 12.15 Concert part two. Bach's Suite Mc 2 in B minor, BWV 1067; and Suite No 3 in D. BWV 1068.t 1.00

Safte No 3 in D. BWV 1068.7 1.00
News.

1.05 Birmingham Lunchtime Concert:
Margarist Field (soprand), Richar
Weigal (obe), Rutin Gerald
(pland). Purcall's Be the virtues;
Vaughan Williams's Three Bialos
songs; Malcolin Williamson's
Celebration of Divine Love.1

2.00 Mence Musikuratin Counter's 2.00 Vienna Musikverein Quartet: 2 performance of Beethoven's Quartet in F major, Op 58 No 1.1

Cuantst In F major, Op 58 No 1.†

2.45 Haydin: Mass in Time of War.
Academy of St Martin-In-the-Fields, under Guest/Choir of St
John's College, Cambridge/
soloists Cantelo, Watts, Tear and
Barry McDeniel.†

3.30 Youth Orchestras of the World:
Seoul National University
Chamber Orchestra with YunJung Cho (piano). Grieg's
Holberg Suite; Vivald's Concerto
in B minor or four violins and
orchestra; Mozart's Concert
Rondo in D for piano and
orchestra, K 382; Elgar's
Serenade for Strings: Bloch's
Concerto Grosso No 2.† 4.55
News.

News.

5.90 Mainly for Pleasure: recorded music selection, presented by Andrew Keener,†

6.30 Bandstand: Manger Musikdag play Rautavaara's A Requiem in our Time; and Slettholm's Koral Verisioner.†

Variosjoner.†
7.00 Scottish SO in Stirling (under Makaymiut). With Michael Thompson (horn). Part one. Lutoelawski's Musique funèbre; Mczart's Horn Concerto No 2. Rondo in E flat, K 371, for horn and carbaters. 7.40 A Win for the Women: Struen
Rodger reads Knut Hameun's
story. T.55 Concert: part 2.

Sibelius's tone poem Finlandia; and Symphony No 1.1 8.50 The Star Wars History: the third

8.50 The Star Wars History: the third of Michael Chariton's programmes in called Red Alert: Paul Nitze and the Present Danger. The contributors include Nitze, Eugene Rostow, Henry Klesinger and Richard Perie (r). 9.35 Penderich: the Viola Concerto, played by Staten Kamasa (viola) and the Frankfurt Radio SO under Eliahu Inbet.

10.00 Music in our Time: Kurtag's Messages of the Ista Miss R. V. Troussove, Op 1T (Ensemble Intercontemporatin with Adrianne Caengery, soprano and Marta Fablan, (cimbalom). Also Birtwistie's ... agm ... (John Alida Choir/Ensemble intercontemporain).†

intercontemporain).† 11.00 Rachmaninov: the Jess Trio play 11,00 Rachmarinov: the Jass Trio play the Piano Trio in D minor, Op 3. With Elizabeth Kropfitsch (violin), Stefan Kropfitsch (cello) and Johannes Kropfitsch (pleno).1 11,57 News. Until 12,00.

Radio 2

4.00em Colin Berry, t 6.00 Ray Moore, t 8.05 Ken Bruce, t 10,30 Jimmy Young. Food Information from Tony De Angeli. 1.05 David Jacobs, t 2.00 Anna Ford, t 3.30 Muelc all the Way, t 4.00 David Hamilton, t 6.00 John Durn, t 6.00 Wally Hamilton.t 6.00 John Dunn.t 6.00 Wally Whyton Introduces Country Club featuring Hank Williams Jr. 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Another Digance Indulgence. With Richard Digance with his guest Terry Morrison and The Kipper Family. 10.38 Star Sound Extra: Orson Willes: An appraciation presented by lan Johnstone. 11.00 Enten Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from Midnight). 1.00am Bill Rennells presents Nighthds.t 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music.1

Radio 1

News on the helf hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and at 12midnight, 6.00am Adrian John. 7.30 Mike Read. 9.30 Simon Bates. 12.30pm Newsheat (Steve Annett). 5.45 Bruno Brookes. 7.30 Janice Long. 9.00 John Walters reviews the week's music press. 10.00-12.00 Andy Karshaw.1

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newadesk, 7.00 News, 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours, 7.30 Sing Gospel, 7.45 Network UK, 8.00 News, 8.09 Reflections, 8.15 Country Style, 8.30 John Peel, 8.00 News, 9.09 Review of the British Press, 9.15 The World Today, 9.30 Frencial News, 8.40 Look Ahead, 8.45 Monitor, 10.00 News, 9.40 Look Ahead, 8.45 Monitor, 10.00 News, 10.01 Jerome Kern, Armarican Gerius, 19.30 Radio Active, 11.00 News, 10.01 Jerome Kern, Armarican Gerius, 19.30 Radio Active, 11.00 News, 10.01 Twenty, 12.45 Sports Roundup, 1.00 News, 1.03 Twenty-Four Hours, 1.30 Network UK, 1.45 Short Takes, 2.00 News, 2.01 Outhook, 2.45 Julys Box Dury, 3.00 Radio Newsreel, 3.18 The Pleasure's Yours, 8.00 News, 8.00 News, 1.56 The Pleasure's Yours, 8.00 News, 8.00 Twenty-Four Hours, 8.18 A Joby Good Show, 10.00 News, 10.09 The World Today, 10.26 A Letter from England, 10.30 Financial News, 10.40 Reflections, 10.45 Sports Roundup, 11.00 World News, 10.09 The World Today, 10.26 A Letter from England, 10.30 Financial News, 10.40 Reflections, 10.45 Sports Roundup, 11.00 World News, 1.00 The Perming World, 12.00 News, 1.20 News, 2.00 News, 2.0 WORLD SERVICE

TVS As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Home Cookery, 1.35-2.30 Felcon Crest. 3.30-4.00 Thef's My Dog. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 5.00-5.35

Coast to Coast, 12.15am Company

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6.35 Lookaround, 12.15am Naws,

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TSW As London except: 1.20pm
News. 1.30-2.30 Carson's Law.
5.15 Gus Honeyburi. 5.20-5.45
Crossroads. 8.00 Today South West.
8.30 Engnerdale Farm. 7.00 Knight
Rider. 8.00-8.30 Busman's Holiday.
10.32 Shelley. 11.00 Snooker. 12.15am
Postscript, Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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Schools, 10.11-10.26 Looking Forward, 6,00pm-6,35 Wales at Sbr. 10.30-11.00 Very Small Business.

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SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm News, 1.30 Bodylne, 1.35-3.00 Ripfide, 3.30-4.00 Mr Smith, 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters, 6.00-6.35 News and Scotland Today, 7.00-7.30 Now You See Jt. 10.30 Crime Desk. 10.35 Snooker, 12.15em Late Call, Consertan.

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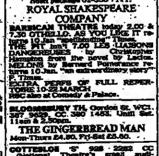
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By Stephen Goodwin

Weaknesses in government monitoring of the £6,000 million a year spent by intiona-lized industries on capital assets

were highlighted yesterday by the Commons Public Accounts

investment by state enterprises in capital projects should be authorized only after the

"most rigorous appraisal", the committee says. Spending must be fully justified and directed to

the most appropriate schemes.

The all-party committee,
Parliament's public spending
watchdog, examined three industries with substantial invest-

ment programmes, the British Airports Authority, British Steel

and British Gas. In 1983-84 spending by the three industries on fixed assets

was £132 million, £193 million

and £1,138 million respectively.

The committee is concerned that none of the three industries

had discussed in their corporate

plans radical alternatives to

proposed investment strategies.

arrangements for departments

to check that larger projects are

chieving the returns expected

At present, however, the scope for such examination

varies. The Department of Transport discusses the pur-pose, need and mining for each

airports authority project ex-

pected to cost more than £1 million. The Department of Trade and Industry has no

arrangements for examining British Steel projects under £4 million, and the Department of

Also "unsatisfactory"

THURSDAY JANUARY 9 1986 Banks sought for Curtain up on Knightsbridge main attraction Concern Expressway Channel link

Attemps are being made to rindle wrote in Travel Trade involve more British and Gazute.

French banks in Channel 16 spite of talks of possible Expressway's £2.5 million twin-road and twin-rail tunnel project in ten days time.

The scheme apparently remains the British Government's man of Channel Expressway, first choice hut it is backed hy said he had invited Sir Nigel no British banks and only the Broackes, chairman of Eurorelatively small Credit du Nord route, to join up with his

The rival Channel Tunnel Group has powerful backing from NatWest and Midland. Credit Lyonnais, Banque Nanonale de Paris and Banque Indosuez. Euroroute is backed hy Barclays, Pariibas, and Société Générale.

With the field still wide open between the three main contenders. Mrs Margaret Thatcher is said to be as frimly committed as ever to a drive through scheme which means EuroRoute or Channel Expressway, despite accusations from Tory back-bencher Mr Robert McCrindle yesterday that she would "funk it" and go for the "second-best" CTG twin-rail

If Mrs Thatcher took this "timid" option to please the on in the back the interests of Conservative revolt. Mr McC- Sherwood said.

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

le spite of talks of possible mergers between the rivals, each maintained a sturdily indepen-Anglo-French decision on the expected a specific scheme to be

scheme, hut had received no

Sir Nicholas Henderson, ehairman of the confident Channel Tunnel Group said: "We are not in discussion with any of the rival hidders. We are not interested in joining forces with any of them. We are perfectly satisfied that our project is the best solution to a fixed link for all forces of the contract of the cont fixed link for all forms of traffic

for the foresceable future."

Mr Sherwood who has returned from the United States for talks with Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, said: "My opinion is that the heads of state will announce the winning scheme on January 20 and I think it will

The decision would not depend on "all this stuff going on in the background, hut on the interests of the public", Mt

Britain set to resume full relations with Nigeria

in a bloodless coup in August, recovery. Sir Geoffrey and Prof Akinyemi agreed to hold regular meetings to discuss international and regional issues. It is the first time that such a series of meetings has been agreed with

an African government. Britain has been prepared to resume normal ties with Nigéria for several months, inspite of unresolved differences between the two countries. Nigeria has been dragging its feet, largely because of what it perceived as a lack of sympathy in London

towards its economic problems. Prof Akinyemi said it was clear as a result of his talks that Britain was aexious to help ture,

Princess Margaret attends the remiere of the film Chorus Line at the Odeon Theatre, Leicester

Tolly Cobbold Eastern Arts: contemporary art selected from an

open competition: Laing Art Gallery, Higham Place, Newcastle upon Tyne; Moo to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sat 10 to 4.30, Suo 2.30 to 5.30

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CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 12

Harrogate improvised this gas-

books - i1's a weakness (9). 16 The cocktail island (9).

Sat 10 to 9.50, Galery Contrasts; textiles and ceramics by West Midlands makers; Stufford Art Gallery, The Greeo; Tues to Fri Recent etchings and o drawings by Tessa Beave Phil Jolley;

Exhibitions in progress

Today's events

Royal engagements

Continued from page I Nigeria again and to play an Babangida, which seized power acrive part in its economic

Significantly, Prof Akinyemi did not raise the question of Nigeria's request for the extradition of Mr Umaru Dikko, the former Nigerian Transport Minister, from Britain.

Joined twins die

Houston (AP) - Ten-day-old Siamese twin girls, joined from the breastbose to the umbilical cord and sharing a liver, died during surgery to separate them at Texas Children's Hospital, They were seveo weeks prema-

Rd/Gulson Rd, Coventry; Moo to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Jan 19). Drawings by Bonnard: Aberdeen Art Gallery & Museums, Schoolhill;

Art Gallery & Museums, Schoolhill; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Thurs 10 to 8, Sun 2 to 5 (cods Jan 12). Scottish craftwork: Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove, Glasgow; Moo to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Jan 12). Household Tasse exhibition; Cleveland Gallery, Victoria Rd, Middleshrough; Tues to Sat 12 to 7 (cods Jan 25).

Photographs from Belgium by Frank Pecters: Maclaurin Art

Recent etchings and original drawings by Tessa Beaver and ceramics by Pbil Jolley; Helios Pictures, 2 Salisbury Rd., Moseley,

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Eager players in the annual Knightsbridge Farce grabbing the limelight in the China department yesterday (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

By Alan Franks The annual run of Britain's best loved Knightshridge Farce, The Har-rods Sale, opened on Tuesday evening

before an audience of one. That was a Mr J Garrard, Cambridge, who had never been to the show before, and who wanted to absorb the atmosphere of the all-night queue which traditionally precedes the open-

Mr Garrard began his vigil at door seven shortly before 9pm, but remained the sole bargain banter until 6am yesterday when two elderly ladies turned up at door five. "He was very disappointed at being all alone He didn't actually want to buy anything; he only came along so early because he felt

he should do the thing properly", a Harrods spokesman said. Despite the discouraging omen, this

year's sale is expected, as it is every year, to break its own records for the number of shoppers - and pounds -The reason for Mr Garrard's

loneliness is that this year the store has departed from normal practice hy starting the sale in mid-week, in order to lessen the pressure on the first Saturday, and to extend the run from three to three-and-a-half weeks.

Also, the queues are longest when there is one particular item for which the shoppers fear competition. This time there are no such items, despite the £45,000 reduction on a necklace of pearl, sapphire and diamonds set in gold. Yesterday it was available for a snip at £90,000.

Nonetheless, the 1986 sale will probably shift £40 million worth of merchandise, which represents 80 per cent of current stock. It is also on course to attract 500,000 customers by the end of the week; served by 6,000 staff dispensing three milion carrier bags.

The plot of this year's Knightsbridge Farce is familiar. Men's trousers, in common with other products, will be fallling steadily for the remainder of this month as the store attempts to divest itself of as many goods as it can to make room

for the £25 million worth of stock striving for a French promotion in March.

Whereas 12 months' ago the Americans were arriving by the plane load on a joint package arranged by the store and PanAm, this year they have been using the offer of free transatiantic telephone orders - a ploy which has already sold 814 ladies coats and 1,281 assorted sweaters.

Shoppers seeking a tip from the top should listen to Mr Frank Drewitt, the store's managing director, who reckons that the best buys this year will come right at the end of the sale.

Energy does not regularly examine onshore British Gas projects, some of which cost more than £20 million. TUC calls for

of them.

more spending Leaders of the TUC have called for a net injection of £6.2 billion into the economy, to boost public spending and social security benefits, as part of their budget submissions to the Chancellor of the Ex-

chequer.
The TUC is asking for £900 million to boost manufacturing and £2,900 million for social

Reagan warning to Gadatti

Continued from page 1

the Tunisian government statement that the passports used by the Vienna terrorists had been confiscated by the Lihyan Government from expelled l'unisiae workers last summer.

Meanwhile Mr Jim Wright, he House of Representatives Democratic leader, desclosed

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US capitol and assassinate the cans. Some 2,000 people were American ambassador to Italy. Mr Reagan said in his press conference that the US had been able to anticipate and

abort 126 terrorist actions over

the past year. Mr Speakes said yesterday that 23 of trhese occurred in the United States. January November last year, there were resterday that the US thwarted 695 terrorist incidents worldterrorist attempts to blow up the wide. 200 directed at Ameri-

killed or injured, including 17 Americans killed and 122

Mr Reagan issued a blunt warning to Colonel Gadaffi oo Tuesday not to harm the Americans in Libya or prevent The US firms involved must

comply fully with the sanctions by February 1.

Teachers' talks at Acas

Continued from page 1 met prominent Labour mem-

bers of the National Union of Teachers secretly at the Randolph Hotel, Oxford, last present.

Acas, which met the em-At that meeting the biggest

teachers' union persisted with its hard line on a commitment to restore 1974 pay levels which would involve a pay rise of more than 30 per cent. If Acas were to opt for an

inquiry, this would be a hot political potato for the concilation service. The Government

ployers yesterday for prelimi-nary talks, is understood to have told unions that it considers itself to be completely independent and able to make recommendatiosn that the Governments might not like.

Struggle to find head, page 2. benefits.

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Books -- hardback and paperback The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this weak: A History of Europe 1648-1948, The Arrival, The Rise, The Fall, by Paul Dukes

Government and the Universities in Britain, programme and performance 1960-1980, by John Carswell (Cambridge, £19.50) Grants 17, While Waiting for a War, by Graham Greene (Penguin, £3.95) Patients and Practitioners, Lay perceptions of Medicine in pre-industrial society, edited by Roy Porter (Cambridge, £27.50) Political Murder, From Tyrannicide to Terrorism, by Frankism L. Ford (Harvard,

Randall Jerrell's Letters, edited by Mary Jarrell (Faber, £25). Studies in Literature and the Humenities, Innocence of Intent, by George Whalley

Macmillan, £27.50)
The Colin Macinnes Omnibus, his three London novels (Alison & Busby, £12, paperback £6.95)
The Spaniards, A Portrait of the New Spain, by John Hooper (Viking, £10.95)
The Steadfast Guridas, Historical Record of 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Guridas Rifles, volume 3 1948-1962, by Charles Messenger (Leo Cooper/Secker & Warburgh)

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dramatized readings with music presented by Quintus; Soroptomist Clut. St Martin's College, Lancast-Roads

The 32nd Loodon International Boat Show. Earls Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Rd, SW5, Moo to Fri 10 to 8, Sat and Sun 10 to 7, admission £3.20, under 14s £1.60 (ends Jan 12). The Midlands: M5: Widening work between junctions 4 (A38 Bromsgrove) and 5 (A38 Droitwich); contraflow on southbound carriageway; expect long delays. A34: Expect delays on the northbound carriageway in Hanford, staffs A41. Temporary traffic lights Staffs. A41: Temporary traffie lights and delays on the Warwick to Birmingham road 3 miles N of Voice of the Listener's second submission to the bome Office Committee on financing the BBC (Peacock Committee) has now been published. Copies of the Voice of

Warwick at Hatton.
The North: M62: Lane closures E of Burtonwood services: delays at peak periods. M180: Contraflow between junction 3 (M180/M181) and junction 4 (Ermine St interchange), Scunthorpe, Humberside. Wales and West: M4: Land

restrictions between junctions 22 and 24 (Chepstow to Newport) Gwent. A30: Temporary lights at various locations between Lifton and Okehampton, Devon, A472 Major reconstruction in Bridge St and Castle St, Usk, Gwent;

diversions.
Scotland: M8: Inside lane closures between junction 26 (Hillingtoo) and 29 (Paisley). M73: (Hillingtoo) and 29 (Paisley). M73:
Outside lane closed at junction 2
(Glasgow) (NB link to M8); lighting
maintenance. City of Aberdeen:
A93: Gas main installation W of
Cults; single line traffic and
temporary lights.
Information sopplied by the AA

Anniversaries

Births: Chaim Bialik, poet, Rady Ukraine, 1875; Karel Capek, writer, Male Svatonňovice, Czechlosvakia, 1890; Gracie Fields, Rochdale, The papers

The Star says: "Yesterday Mrs Thatcher convened a 'think tank' on crime at No 10 Downing Street, which on first sight looked promising enough. All that emerged. however, were a series of worthy but lightweight ideas about fitting cars with better locks and installing more ann burglary devices into buildings. The paper adds: "These may bave their part to play, but the real fight against crime must start with a super efficient police force backed up by courts that are not scared to punish criminals. nish criminals and punish them

Commenting oo Social Trends, a Government report published today, the Daily Express says:
"Material well-being is not everything But to ignore it — as many commentators do - in order to concentrate on the dark side of life is to bury the truth". It adds: "And the truth is that, unemployment apart, Britain is performing very effectively.

OU broadcasts

Leaflets listing BBC Oper University broadcasts 1986 for oon

studies; management courses; pub-lic affairs and history; mathematics and computing; science; technology, new for 1986 listing the new series

cialist audiences are available in the following sobject areas: Music and literature; media

for this year, educational studies; art, architecture and design; and Lancashire, 1898.

Deaths: Napoleon III (Louis – Napoleon), Chischurst, Kent, 1873;
Katherine Mansfield, writer, Fontainbleau, France, 1923.

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Weather forecast

A trough of low pressure will clear from E areas, but further troughs approach the W later.

6am to midnight

London, SE, centrel S England, Midlands: Patches of fog clearing, mainly dry some sunny intervals; wind W Ight: max temp 6C (43F) colder over lying snow.

East Anglia, E, central N, NE England: Cloudy, sleet or anow dying out, perhaps some bright intervals in afternoon; wind variable light; max temp 3C (37F). atternoon; was sold and sold a

anowers at that which wager or moderate backing SW fresh later; max temp 8C (47F).

N Wales, NW England, Later District, iste of Man: Stamy intervals, scattered showers at first whod W Bont or moderate becking SW fresh or strong later; max temp 8C (43F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dondee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland: Sleet or snow dying out, perhaps some sunny intervals in afternoon; whol SE fresh or strong veering SW moderate, increasing fresh or strong later; max temp 4C (39F).

SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Angyl, Northern Instant: Rain in places at first, sty for a fire, further rain later; wind mainly S fresh or strong; max temp 7C (45F).

(45F)
Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday:
Changeable, rain or showers, some drier intervals; near normal tempera-

drier intervals; near normal temperatures.

Sea passages: S North Sea: Wind, light
or moderate-occasionally fresh at first;
occasional sleet visibility mainly
moderate; sea moderate becoming
slight. Strait of Dover, English Channel.
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moderate; mainly fair, visibility moderate
or good; sea: slight. St George's
Channel: Wind S or SW light or
moderate increasing fresh locally strong
in W; rain lister; visibility moderate or
good; see: slight becoming moderate or
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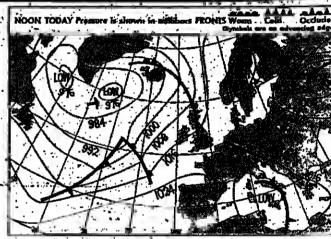
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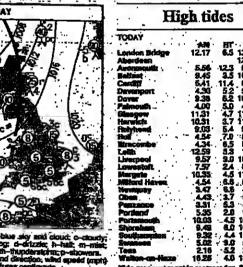
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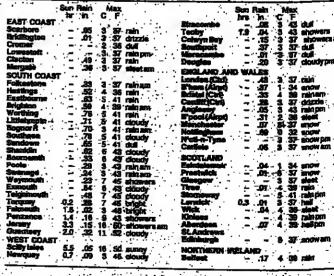
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are witnessing the rise and the spread the shamrock organization. This is not some kind of . Irish takeover but a. recognition of the fact that more and more organizations have a clear keep everything in house for better three petalled workforce three distinct categories of people working outsource everything that is not of for them or with them. The strategic consequence to the organic energence of these three categories tration. This gives added fieribility may well turn out to be the most more organizations have a clear may well turn out to be the most. lasting and significant legacy of the employment shakedown of the past

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The first category is that of the professional core, the key managers, professionals, technicians and skilled workers who together embody the organizational knowledge which gives the organization its own identity and added value.

They are valuable people, worth binding to the corporation with all the inducements available, be they high salaries, good pensions, job security or a variety of perks and privileges.

As a result they are expensive. Organizations are therefore slim-

academic level.

John Atkinson of the Institute of Manpower Studies - promoting them younger and retiring them carlier.

The second category is the constacted fringe. Whereas it used once to be conventional wisdom to them everything in home for the constaction.

to the organization or, to put it less kindly, it allows the organization to export some of its uncertainty.

Most organizations, if they do the sums; will find that they now have as many people working with them, on some sort of contract of supply or service, as working for them.

The third category is the flexible labour force. These are the people,

mostly part-time, usually women, to whom the organization offers not careers but work and work offen of a temporary and changing nature. One large organization today employs none of its workforce full-time but only full-day and then decides how many days in every particular month it needs from every person.

Organizations are therefore slim- in this category work is a ming down their professional cores, commodify traded for money, work working them more intensively and in which the conditions and the pay functionally flexibly" - to quote can be good but the promise for the

The intense job life. working very hard and retiring very early, is the thinking behind the 'shamrock organization' Charles Handy explains

future small. The result? The selfemployed and part-timers are oow core with a large contractual fringe up to 50 per cent of the full-time and a flexible labour force if they are population and growing fast

Why is this happening? It is happening because management wants to keep its flexibility, even in times of growth. It is happening: because more and more organizations are needing to stretch their operational days or weeks to make better use of their plant and buildings, to keep up with the competition or to satisfy customers. Few husinesses can afford to sleep

becoming like hotels or airlines -round the clock and round the week

- which have to supplement their to make it work.

More importantly, however, it may be happening because manage-ment has at last discovered how to do more with fewer people or, at least, with smaller bits of them. It is interesting to note that while

salary and wage rates have been rising faster than either the CBI or the Government would like, the total cost of wages and salaries has represented a decreasing percentage these days. More organizations are of national income in the past few

years.
In other words, efficient em-

ployers have sought to hold down labour costs, oot by restricting rates hut by cutting the number and size of jobs. We may be trying to move towards a high-wage, small-job

That may be an effective way of distributing work but it is often small comfort to the man, or woman, who would like the high wage and the bigger job. What seems certain-is-that, ooce discovered, this new philosophy will oot readily be abandoned.

The implications are considerable. One way of highlighting them is to look at the length of the lifetime job. A generation ago it used to be 100,000 hours or 47 hours a week, including overtime, for 47 weeks a year for 47 years. It may now be down to 50,000 for someooc starting work today.

That is oot because we have halved the working week or the working year but because the cube law in mathematics conceals things from us. In fact $37 \times 37 \times 37 =$ 50,000 or, to take another combination, so do 45 hours × 45 weeks × 25 years, the sort of intense job life. which the professional core can expect, working very hard and retiring early, although it may out feel like, or be called, retirement.

Sports stars, commodity brokers, pop singers and officers in the armed services already experience this sort of career. It will get more common. Another combination would be 22 hours a week for 45 weeks for 50 years, the part-time combination with work extending well into one's sixties because it provides a cootioning part but oot the whole of

We may, in fact, see simultaneous pressures for earlier retirement and later retirement from different parts of the workforce.

hirdly, there will be those, mostly women but more and more men, who sandwich it, doing 10 years in a job, taking 10 years off to raise a family and going back in for 15. That, 100, works out at 50,000.

The precise numbers are oot important. What is important is that we appear to have split the joh in half in one generation without really noticing it. Most of us are going to have ao unanticipated extra 50,000 hours which used to be in the joh. For some that will be called unemployment, for some extra

leisure, for some early retirement Some will have it during their job life, others at the end. Most of us, however, will need to use it for work, either to make more money or, by more work in the home, to save spending money or, by work in the community, to save others spending moocy.

It is not, in fact, going to be an era of less work and more leisure but of different kinds of work at different times of life, for few will make enough or save enough in their 50,000 hours to keep them for the rest of life, even if the state helps out

The 50,000-hour job is just one of the unanticipated outcomes of the shamrock organization. There are many more. What is already clear is that the employee society has changed fundamentally and won't change back, no matter how well the economy does.

It is the difference between the different types of 50,000 hours that should now be worrying us as much as the total of them all.

Charles Handy is author of The Future of Work (Blackwell, 1984) and visiting professor at the London Business School

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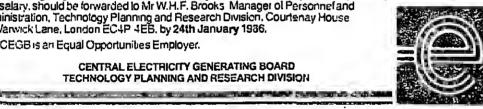
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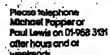
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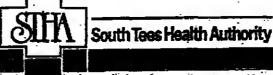
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polite head-shaking. Mr-Young says banks will have no hestiation about moving staff to less well-paid jobs, or out altogether. Here merchant banks are coming into lice with the US investment banks, which pay fahulous salaries if targets are met, and have no compunction about firing people if they are not.

The background is the City revolution. Changes in the Stock Exchange rules to come into effect this October, will relax regulations about who cao own what in the City. The result has been the creation of larger and sharper financial services groups that will be able to compete better with the US

The financial establishment's promotioo across the companies. image as an employer is also changing. Traditional loyalties and divisions will have to be replaced and rethought. For instance there has traditionally been a hierarchy of busioess activities among recruits, with prefereoce always going to merchant banking, then stockbrok-ing, the least able people aiming for

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such_divisions need to be patched up. The view of one raw graduate recruit that "retail bankers are bores, and merchant nkers are snohs", will no longer be tenable in the new environment.

Personnel managers will have to persuade people that the dealing functions carried out in group treasury, where the retail bank's money is traded around the world, are as stretching as those in the merchant bank, which deals in Eurobonds and other abstruse

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line with that of merchant banks. Secondment between sections of the new, enlarged company will also be encouraged, both to give people experience of different departments and to open up career opportunities for people wanting to try a new area. There will also be scope for

Training is also being improved in the financial sector, It used to be limited to technical and husiness procedures. But now personnel managers in the City are seeking to train managers who have a wider experience of the busioess as a whole, rather than just of one department. This has been necessitated by the increasing size of the

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company's departments. The competition for a job in a merchant bank is severe. A thousand graduates applied to Montagu last year and of those, only 80 were shortlisted for a mere 22 jobs. However, in the new banking structure there may be home for the structure there may be hope for the shortlisted rejects because opportunities will be offered in other parts of the Midland group.

Mr Young says that a strict mentocracy now nperates in the

Bumpy rides on the gravy train

City. His bank goes ontside Ox-bridge for half of its 22 annual recruits, hut requires nine O-levels at A or B grades, three of four Alevels, a good honours degree and experience of "working in structured environments and getting on with a wide spread of people".

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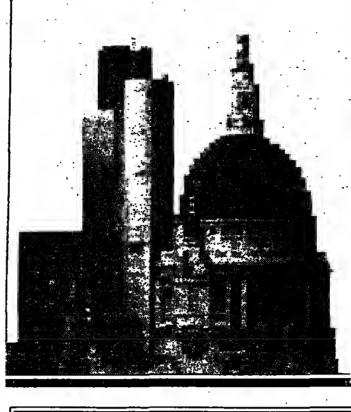
it is with some regret that Mr Young admits that he missed recruiting the head girl of Roedean to Samuel Montagu last year.

The rewards for succeeding at banking are mouth-watering. Recruits come in at £9,000 to £10,000 a year, figures which compare badly with the £14,000 offered to raw recruits at US investment banks, but within two years the young graduates should have doubled their salaries, and if they are successful, before they are 30 they will be assistant directors, earning £25,000

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